

Harry Sound, and the first one attracted a crowd so that you might have thought Barnum's circus or something was coming into town. Now the windows are of plate glass, and dressing is thoroughly done, with satisfactory results."

Morton & Co., Fort William, Ont., announce inauguration of the cash system in a couple of clever circulars, one of them signed "Cash," the firm's new manager, and the other a regulation funeral notice to this effect: "Died, on Saturday evening at 10 o'clock, of the fatal disease known as Bad Debts, Mr. Credit, commonly known as Credit System; age unknown. The remains have been carefully embalmed by our new undertaker, Mr. Cash, and will be on exhibition to his late friends and the public generally for the next ten days. Funeral notice hereafter, etc." We give the new manager a cordial welcome, and hope he will wax fat and successful.

"The growth of new woolen firms, handling woolens and nothing else, like the new one formed in Toronto lately," said a wholesale merchant to THE REVIEW, "is comparatively a new feature of the trade. It remains to be seen what effect they will have on the general dry goods houses, and how far they will be a factor in the situation."

"It is too soon yet to say that the cotton print agreement is an assured success," a firm who signed said to THE REVIEW last week. "No doubt the trade are buying freely, but we must wait until the retailer buys the goods before we can tell how the retail trade will take the advance."

Remarked a Toronto wholesaler to THE REVIEW: "The Exhibition usually brings crowds of visitors, and this year a better house trade was done than for many years, but I notice that the large buyers come to town after the crush. The hotels are not so crowded then. They can look over the goods undisturbed, and they come emphatically to do business. Many Exhibition visitors come to see as well as to buy, and they are, in the main, on a holiday trip."

According to the tale of several correspondents of The London Star, the employing dry goods stores in London, England, have an ingenious system by which they virtually make slaves of their assistants. They have two rules of a somewhat contradictory character, but which, nevertheless, effectually tie up their unhappy employes. One is not to grant "references" to persons leaving their employment, and the other is not to hire anybody without references. It can readily be seen what position this leaves their assistants in. They have to cling desperately to their jobs or give up the hope of ever getting another in that particular calling. They are crying out about their woes, and there seems to be a disposition on the part of the general public to help them to fight the tyranny.

The proprietors of a large retail establishment in Liverpool, Eng., are determined to stop late shopping if they can. A circular has been sent out intimating that all purchases made after a certain hour in the evening will not be executed at "sale prices."

TWO TORONTO RETAILERS SELL OUT.

The stock of James Scott & Son, King street, has been bought by W. A. Murray & Co., who are selling it off at the old stand. Mr. Scott is retiring from business after a long and honorable career. He has had a retail business on King street since about 1850. The stock was of high-class goods, especially in linens, hosiery, underwear and Scotch dress stuffs. Messrs. Murray say it was the cleanest stock ever put in the market.

The T. Thompson & Son Co., Ltd., clothiers, have sold their stock, book debts and other assets to the John Eaton Co., Ltd., and the business is now being carried on in the Yonge street store of the latter. The Thompson store on King street east will be kept open for some months yet. A circular issued to the firm's patrons says: "The present stockholders of the T. Thompson & Son Co., Ltd., become stockholders in the new concern for amounts similar to those held in the old company, and Mr. Boyce Thompson, president, and Mr. T. C. Thompson, secretary, of this company, are to hold similar positions in the new concern."

LINES OF SPECIALS.

John Macdonald & Co. are offering a job in satins and silks, pongee, a duchess satin and peau de soie, black failles, luxors and taffetas.

A full shipment of the house's Cluze patent thumb kid gloves has been received. There is a complete range in colors, blacks, tans, browns, red-browns, white and cream.

A lot of seconds in striped underwear are being shown at a great reduction. Another job, in netted top shirts, in nice patterns, retailing at 50c., is also being shown.

Three lines of overalls of exceptionally good value, retailing at 50c., 75c. and \$1, are now being offered. Likewise a job line of braces.

In the haberdashery department pearl buttons, which have been scarce, are just stocked. Several special lines of corsets are being shown.

GOODS IN DEMAND.

In the staple department of Caldecott, Burton & Spence cotton flannels in all choice shades are shown, as well as some very tasty lines in printed cotton flannels. The department is well up to date in all leading lines.

The same house has had an active demand for fancy plaid dress goods for blouse waists, linings for hoods, etc. Plaid silks have also sold well.

HE HAS RETURNED.

Mr. John Cameron, the general subscription agent of THE DRY GOODS REVIEW, whom many REVIEW readers know, has been taking a well-earned holiday in Great Britain, and returned from his trip by the Lake Superior on the 25th ult. Those who may happen to have delayed their remittances may be on the look-out for him.

Mr. McKinnon, of McKinnon & Co., Blyth, and Mr. T. S. Ford, of Mitchell, were among the many REVIEW readers who visited the Toronto Exhibition last month.