

TRADE CHAT.

Blaqueter & Jones, a new firm at Wyoming, Ont., are said to be doing well.

Mr. Dolph Rydard, hatter, London, Ont., was married in Lambeth a few days ago.

Some of the Kingston merchants are talking of getting up a mammoth merchants' picnic.

J. Shea, the Hamilton dry goods merchant, is home again from a foreign purchasing tour.

On Sept. 1st Mr. B. Simon, tailor, Vancouver, B. C., was robbed of his watch, chain and pocketbook.

Ald. Hallan, of Toronto, has let the contract for a handsome brick block in Winnipeg on the site of the burned Princess theatre.

There are no great woollen factories in Egypt, but looms are scattered in small numbers over the whole country.

An experienced salesman is wanted in a retail dry goods and grocery store in New Hamburg, Ont. Address Drawer 16, New Hamburg.

Kells, Fowler & Co., general merchants, Millbrook, Ont., were among the losers in the fire which did so much damage there last week.

D. J. Laidlaw, son of John Laidlaw, dry goods merchant, Kingston, was married to Annie Porchurn of Champlain, N. Y., at the latter place a short time ago.

Mr. F. M. Baker, an employee of Alexander & Anderson for eight years, was recently presented with a gold locket and chain on the occasion of his leaving the house.

The Canadian Colored Cotton Mills Company has taken out a permit to make alterations in its factory at the corner of James and Simcoe streets, Hamilton, to cost \$10,000.

Mrs. James Priddis, wife of the well-known dry goods merchant, London, Ont., died very suddenly a few days ago. Mr. Priddis was on his way home from England at the time.

The employees of the Penman Manufacturing Co., Paris, Ont., held their annual picnic recently at Riverview Park. A very pleasant time was spent, although Mr. and Mrs. Penman were absent in Muskoka.

Mr. R. Simpson, the Yonge street dry goods merchant, and family have just completed an extended tour through Central Europe, having visited the leading watering places and points of interest in Germany, France and Switzerland.

A considerable amount of counterfeit money is said to be in circulation in London, Ont. One collector reports having come across two counterfeit 25-cent pieces and one 50-cent piece in one day. The coins had evidently been in circulation for some time.

Wolfenden & Annandale, dry goods and grocery merchants, New Westminster, B. C., have taken the corner store of the Dupont block, on Columbia and McKenzie streets, and are ready for business in their new premises.

Mr. H. E. Hodgins, dry goods merchant, of Clinton, Ont., paid a visit to the office of the Review a few days ago. He had been spending a week on the Montreal and Toronto markets. The Review is always pleased to meet with its readers.

Hopkins & Co., general merchants, Hartney, Man., have commenced operations on a new store, 30x60, stone

foundation, brick veneer'd, two stories high, plate glass front. Hartney & Dickson, of the same place, also intend replacing their present store with a new one.

Jas. Johnston, of Jas. Johnston & Son, one of Palmerston's most prominent merchants, is dead. He carried on business in Gorrie, Wingham and Palmerston.

Peter Kennedy, hide and wool dealer, shipped 13,000 pounds of wool from Ingersoll one day last week. This wool has all been purchased from the farmers around in that neighborhood.

The Review is in receipt of a three-yard sample of a new fabric for blinding skirts. It is called the Amazon velvet skirt facing. It is very durable and at the same time gives a very neat appearance to the bottom of the skirt. The advertisement will be found in another column.

Mr. George W. Stewart, traveller for Wyld, Grasset & Darling, was married on the 31st ult. to Miss Isabella L. Wynn, daughter of Mrs. Wynn, 95 Peter street. After the wedding the newly wedded pair left for a trip to eastern cities. Among the presents was a parlor clock from the employees of the firm where Mr. Stewart is engaged.

Thirty-two silk manufacturers at Lyons, France, have decided to make exhibits at the World's Fair, and each one is striving to make the finest showing. Lyons is the greatest silk manufacturing centre in the world, and made a magnificent display at the Paris exposition. It is reported, however, that it will do still better at Chicago.

The W. E. Sanford Manufacturing Co., Ltd., have removed their Toronto headquarters from 36 Wellington St. west to the new and handsome premises in the Merchants' building, 50 Bay street, where samples of the manufactures of the well-known firm may be inspected. W. S. Alley, who is well known to the business men of Toronto, and George E. Hamilton, who has been with the firm for many years in Hamilton, and who has now taken up his residence in this city, will be pleased to see their many friends both from the city and country.

Seldom has price-cutting been carried to such extremes or produced such unexpected consequences as in the case of two Zanesville, Ohio, retail dry goods dealers, who recently began to cut prices on corsets until finally they were offered at one cent each. The price war caused so much excitement among the women in the town that a mob of them took possession of the two stores, broke show cases and counters, and finally compelled the proprietors to close their doors. After the stores were closed one dealer threw corsets from a second-story window and the women scrambled in the street for them.

Partly as an outcome of recent discussions, one of the leading Montreal banks has issued a circular to its agents instructing them to receive at par all U. S. silver dollars and silver certificates and forward them promptly to the head office, from whence they will be shipped in the course of business to the United States branches. Other banks, it is understood, are following the same course, the general effect of which will be to reduce to a minimum the volume of inferior foreign currency afloat in the country. The move is one that, so long as sil-

ver and gold dollars are on a par in the United States, will entail but a slight charge on the whole, there being times, indeed, when the state of the exchange market makes the process one of small profit.

Among the exhibits to be made at the World's Fair by foreign nations the visitor will doubtless find that of Persia one of the most interesting. It will include rare specimens of art industry work. Rich and highly wrought fabrics will constitute an attractive feature, as will exquisitely fine embroideries and elaborately worked gold and silver jewelry, rare Persian rugs, carpets, embroidered hangings, etc. There will also be found in this Persian exhibit a department for manufactured articles, such as arms, curios, and richly wrought armor, (flex and tile work, mosaics, objects of art, antiquities, musical instruments, wearing apparel, etc. Altogether the Persian exhibit is promised to be characteristic and exceptionally unique, a collection rich in objects of cost and beauty.

By the death of Peter McCallum Cobourg is deprived of one of her largest property owners and most prominent merchants. Mr. McCallum was born at Melton, about seven miles from Glasgow, Scotland, in 1807. With his parents he emigrated to America in the year 1829 and settled on a farm in the State of Pennsylvania. Not liking the country he left it in 1830 and came to Kingston, Canada, where he remained for a year as foreman in a tailoring and clothing store. He moved to Cobourg in October, 1831, and began the business of a clothier and tailor. Naturally the beginning was small and unpretentious, but pluck, perseverance and strict integrity soon gave strength and success to his enterprise, and it was not long before he added a dry goods stock to his business which has been carried on without interruption for a period of sixty one years. He imported dry goods directly from the manufacturing centres of the old world, and in former times used to supply the country stores of the district with their stocks. Mr. McCallum was a public-spirited citizen and has left many monuments of his enterprise in the town, consisting of magnificent business blocks and beautiful residences in various localities. Deceased left an estate worth about \$100,000.

The twelfth edition of the "Hand-Book to the Canadian Tariff" has just been issued by the author, C. W. Irwin. The tariff itself is edited with all the knowledge that a specialist alone can possess, of the difficulties in the way of ready reference to the official form in which it is published. Nothing could be simpler than Mr. Irwin's arrangement of the items. Of more importance, however, to men accustomed to the clumsiness of the official form, is the mass of tariff information embodied in this book. It gives the latest decisions and interpretations of the Customs Department, and contains a thoroughly revised and full list of exchange tables that are of great convenience to the importing merchant. It contains as well a list of Canadian ports and out-ports. It is the sort of book that a business man cannot well afford to do without. It is mailed free on receipt of 40c. sent to C. W. Irwin, custom house broker, 40 Yonge street, Toronto. The trade price is 25c.