



decided whether they will open an agency in Toronto or sell direct to the retail trade from the factory at Springfield. In either case they propose to make an effort for a big increase in their Canadian business.

NEW WATCH CASES.—During the past month the American Watch Case Company, of 67 Adelaide St. West, Toronto, have placed in the hands of the jobbing trade three new cases, which for workmanship and value, surpass anything ever made in the United States or Canada. They are a new 2 oz. silver screw bezel and back case made so as to take either lever or pendant set movements, a new silver open face, key and stem wind case, jointed bezel and back, solid gold centre, called the N. P., and last, but not least, a new 10k filled gold screw back and bezel dust-proof case, made like the silver one above, to fit either pendant or lever set movements. These cases are the cheapest and best cases for the money ever made by the American Watch Case Company, or any other company in America, and every retailer should ask the jobber from whom he purchases his goods to show him the samples.

HAMPDEN MOVEMENTS.—In a letter received last week from Mr. W. A. Young, the Canadian agent of the Dueber-Hampden Company, that gentleman says, "The Hampden Watch Co. have brought out a new 18 size nickel movement, fifteen jeweled, Breguet hairspring, adjusted, etc., and guaranteed to be 'the best timekeeper in the world for the price.' These movements are delivered to the trade in silverine skeleton cases without extra charge. This movement is named the 'John C. Dueber.' The output of Hampden watches will this year be brought up to nearly 1,000 per day, and when this increase is effected I trust to have no difficulty in giving the Canadian trade all of these movements that they can use, a thing that, thanks to the publicity given them through the columns of *THE TRADER*, I have hitherto been unable to do."

JEWELERS' SECTION OF THE BOARD OF TRADE.—A new trade section was last month formed in connection with the Toronto Board of Trade, the Jewelry and Silversmiths' Section, and held its first meeting a few days later in order to elect officers for the coming year. Fifteen firms were represented, and others are expected soon to join. The by laws for the guidance of the section were submitted and approved of, and the duty of presenting them for the approval of the Council was relegated to Mr. W. K. McNaught, the representative of the section at the Council Board. The executive of the section was then elected as follows: Messrs. M. C. Ellis, J. C. Copp, E. Scheuer, W. K. McNaught and T. H. Lee. A meeting was then held of the executive, and Mr. E. Scheuer was elected chairman, Mr. J. C. Copp deputy-chairman and Mr. Edgar A. Wills, secretary-treasurer.

ELGIN WATCHES.—In a recent interview with the Chicago correspondent of the *Keystone*, Mr. Avery, the President of the Elgin Watch Company, said regarding the trade outlook:—"We have increased our productive capacity to 1,700 movements per diem and I expect very shortly to reach 1,800. Still we cannot begin to fill our orders. I think we could dispose of every movement we make, without placing one in the United States. American movements are becoming more popular in England and her Colonies and in fact all over Europe. I hear very encouraging reports as to business prospects in every section of the country, and I think the present satisfactory condition of affairs is likely to continue." This is certainly a wonderful showing, and speaks volumes for the quality of the Elgin movements.

NOT CERTAINLY INTENTIONAL.—The *Watch Dial* in its last issue says, "Our esteemed contemporary, the *Toronto Trader*, reproduces in its February issue an article on 'Gold,' which it credits to the *London Watchmaker, Jeweler and Silversmith*. This interesting article originally appeared in the August number of *The Watch Dial*. The Canadian monthly also copies from our columns, and duly credits, the exciting story of Daniel Fosque, the 'Invisible Jeweler of Paris,' which was first printed in our issue of September last." *THE TRADER* has always acted upon the principle of giving honor to those who deserve it, provided they can find out to whom it really belongs. If all of our American contemporaries would only get into the habit of separating their original from their contributed matter, and properly crediting the latter, we do not think that any of them would again have cause of complaint on the above score against this journal.

FIRE.—The premises of Mr. H. Ellis, wholesale jeweler, of 10 Wellington St. West, were badly damaged by fire about eight o'clock on the evening of the 13th February. Mr. Ellis had just received several large consignments of American jewelry, which he was marking off, preparatory to packing his trunks for a trip on the road. Unfortunately for himself these goods were all left outside of his vault during the time he was compelled to be absent for supper, and on his return, he found the premises wrapped in flames, and the firemen doing their level best to save the building. The premises were completely gutted, and the result, so far as Mr. Ellis is concerned, was the total loss of everything outside of his vault. The loss of stock and fixtures will not be less than from \$7,000 to \$8,000, but this we are glad to say will be fully covered by insurance. Mr. Ellis is getting the place fixed up again, and in a few days will be in as good shape as ever to do business.

A SUPPOSED BURGLAR CAPTURED.—Gilbert Skeats, 134 York Street, Toronto, who nine years ago was bartender at the Queen's Hotel in this city, was arrested by Detective John Cuddy, on a charge of being concerned in the late Montreal jewelry robbery. On the 20th Jan., W. S. Walker's jewelry store at Montreal was robbed of \$5,000 worth of jewelry, diamonds, etc. A man, who gave his name as James Martin, was arrested the same evening and sent to penitentiary for fourteen years. Sergeant Detective Reburn, of this city, found a diamond ring in the possession of a certain King Street merchant and identified it as one of the rings stolen at Montreal. The merchant at once told how he came to possess the ring, stating that he had purchased it for a round sum from Skeats. After Skeats had been arrested he denied having sold the ring, but when Reburn produced the article the prisoner weakened and admitted the sale, but refused to tell how it came into his possession. He was then locked up and a telegram sent to the Montreal authorities.

A CLOSE CALL. The premises of Mr. Edmund Scheuer, wholesale jeweler, had a very narrow escape from destruction by fire on the night of the 20th February. About one o'clock at night Mr. Scheuer was aroused from his slumbers by a messenger with a hack who informed him that his warehouse was on fire, when he at once hurried down town to find to his relief that although there was a terrific fire raging, it was not in his premises but in those of the Gendron Mfg. Co. next door. After herculean efforts on the part of the firemen, the flames were subdued, but not before that Company had suffered a loss to the extent of at least \$20,000. Our readers will be glad to learn that with the exception of a slight wetting of his office and walls by water, Mr. Scheuer had no loss whatever, and settled his claim against the insurance companies in full for \$200. Within a few hours after the fire was extinguished, Mr. Scheuer had his place straightened up again and business running along as usual. It was certainly a close call.

STILL ANOTHER FIRE. If the fire fiend has no special grudge against the wholesale jewelry trade of Toronto, appearances are strangely deceitful. Mr. E. Gunther owns a block of three brick warehouses, situated on the corner of Melinda and Jordan Streets, in this city, and about four o'clock on Thursday morning, 20th February, the middle one was discovered to be afire. The flames had gained considerable headway before the alarm was given, and although the fire brigade on its arrival soon subdued them, the damage to the building and stock will probably not fall far short of \$20,000. Fortunately for Mr. Gunther's own stock, although the water came pouring down into his warehouse it was principally in his private office and left his stock almost unharmed. A few feet further over and the water would have damaged thousands of dollars worth of material. Mr. Gunther's own business was not interrupted beyond the short time necessary to get rid of the water and the place dried out. His loss on the building is fully covered by insurance.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.—A Cleveland, Ohio, U. S. despatch says: James R. McMullen, a resident of Ontario, Can., and George W. McMullen, of Illinois, recently brought suit against Samuel J. Ritchie of Ohio, in the United States district Court, to compel him to pay for certain bonds, etc., he had received from them. They desired that a judgment obtained in an Ontario court be taken as a judgment here. The defence demurred on the ground that a judgment obtained in a