

on the corners of King and Yonge Streets, or Church and King Streets, were for so many years occupied by the plainest, oldest, and least attractive buildings. This reproach is being removed by the erection of the elegant Dominion Bank buildings on one of the corners of the streets first named. The corresponding corner of Church St. has been improved by the plentifully-windowed block of Mr. Hunter. But the next corner, opposite the Cathedral, has been even more transformed in appearance by the tasteful rebuilding of the venerable stand and its conversion by Mr. James H. Rogers into a really attractive and complete fur warehouse of four stories. Iron, plate-glass, and a mansard roof have worked wonders for this exterior, but inside, the change is greater even than out. The building as it stands goes far to redeem the whole block eastward of old and ugly fronts.

BURGLARIES, and indeed robberies by violence, have been far from uncommon in Canada of late. Toronto has been less infested, apparently, than other cities, by this sort of thieves. But on Tuesday night last a robbery of silk was committed on the premises of Messrs. John McDonald & Co., which points to the use of skeleton keys, and to a tolerably accurate knowledge of the hours kept by the special watchmen. From \$1,500 to \$2,000 worth of black gros grain and colored silks are missing, and are supposed to have been stolen between the hour of 5 a.m., when the special watchman leaves, and 8 a.m., when the porter arrives at the premises, or else between the like hours in the evening. The goods were taken from No. 28 Wellington Street East, one of the three warehouses occupied by the firm until their new warehouse is completed.

THE Canadian exhibits at the New York International Dairy Fair, which closed on Saturday last, were but few in number, partly because butter, cheese, &c., going into the States would have to pay duty. Mr. Thomas Ballantyne, M.P., of Stratford, was, we understand, the only exhibitor of cheese, and consequently took first and second prizes. The Black Creek cheese factory received 49 marks out of a possible 50, and Honeygrove Factory 50, the highest mark obtainable. Messrs. Ayer & Co., of Montreal, showed three lots of butter, Messrs. Gales, Woodcock & Co., of the Waterloo county creamery, also showed. Representatives of Messrs. A. Hodgson & Son, T. Leeming & Co., M. Hannan & Co., George Wait & Co., of Montreal, and a number of Ontario gentlemen were present. We are promised by a practical correspondent, some particulars and comments for our next issue.

A shoe house in Halifax, W. C. Brennan & Co., has been served with a writ of attachment. For some years the firm has been doing quite an extensive business, buying largely in the Montreal market, and have borne the reputation of being regular pay. But for some time back their position has created uneasiness among their creditors, many of whom have been strenuously trying to "get out of" the account. A meeting of creditors had been called for last

Wednesday; but this will likely be upset by the attachment. The liabilities are estimated at \$50,000 or \$60,000.

IN reference to an item in our last about flax in the vicinity of Ottawa, a gentleman writes to us that "there is no section in Ontario so well adapted to the growing of flax as about 70 square miles of country south and west from Watford, between the Great Western and Canada Southern railways. The soil is clayey loam, and there is some little gravel—rather low at present, but as it is being drained, it will make one of the finest agricultural sections in Ontario. It is well worthy the attention of any party intending to do a large continuous business in flax."

ON Wednesday last a most daring and puzzling robbery was committed in St. John N. B. The private office of Turnbull & Co., large merchants there was entered, and a cash box filled with valuable securities taken from the safe, leaving, however, \$2000 in bank bills in the adjoining room. The box contained \$14,000 in N. B. R. R. debentures; \$21,000 in Spring Hill Coal Co's; \$15,000 in Peoples Bank, and also Bank of New Brunswick and Maritime Bank stock certificates; their total value being placed at \$100,000.

—The wholesale tea firm of Messrs. Mackenzie, Powis & Co., of Montreal, appeared before the Superior Court in that city on Monday last, in defence of a suit for the alleged false arrest of Mr. W. J. Shaw, of this city, on a *capias*, when about to sail for England in July last, the damages being placed at the modest sum of \$50,000. A number of witnesses were examined on behalf of the plaintiff, among whom were the Manager of the Merchants Bank, who certified a check for the amount of the defendant's indebtedness, he was then permitted to get aboard of the steamer. Upon a cross examination, Mr. Hague stated that he was not aware that prior to the arrest of Mr. Shaw he was not meeting his notes at maturity, and never heard that any note of his was lying under protest. In his capacity of general manager of the Merchants Bank, where the plaintiff kept an account, he was not aware that his notes had been protested in Toronto. Any business done by the bank with him was always satisfactory. He had known him for nineteen years and never knew him to be tricky; he was a sharp business man. The evidence of Mr. Cramp, who had joint transactions with the plaintiff, went to show that the business of the firm had been injured by the arrest whether it was justifiable or not. The evidence on the part of the defendants was to the effect that the plaintiff's credit in New York was not very good, as his paper had been protested, and that his business transactions were generally of an unsatisfactory character. Some of his large operations in tea in that city previous to this year are considered to have been unprofitable. Judgement will probably be given in the case next week.

THE insolvent estate of Messrs. Adolphe Roy & Co., wholesale dry goods merchants, Montreal, has been sold by the assignee to Mr. Alphonse Racine, at sixty cents in the dollar, and so endeth for the present the career of one of the largest French houses in the Province of Quebec.

RAILWAY RECEIPTS.

	Week ending	Total earnings.	Like period 1877.	Increase or decrease
G. T. R.	Dec. 7	\$177,764	\$200,419	\$22,655 D.
G. W. R.	Nov. 30	14,867	16,628	1,761 D.
N. B. R.	Nov. 30	126,352	134,161	7,809 D.
I. C. R.	Nov. 30	4,117	5,555	1,438 D.
Midland	Nov. 30	4,368	5,193	825 D.
T. G. & B.	Dec. 7	1,263	1,018	245 I.

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