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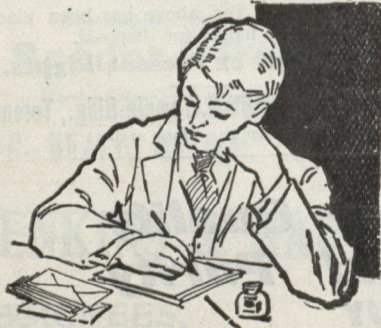
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IN hardware, some advances have been made. Horseshoes have gone up 25c. per keg, while Manilla rope and lath yarn have been advanced about 1/2c. Boiler and tank steel have dropped about 10c. during the week.

THE committee formed in London last month to erect a memorial in London to Major-General Sir Hector Macdonald have sent us, under date 5th May, from Scots' Corporation Hall, Crane Court, Fleet Street, London, E.C., copy of an appeal for funds for the purpose. The Duke of Argyll is president of the fund, Mr. Samuel Greenlees, chairman; Dr. Farquhar Matheson, J.P., and Mr. William Grant, hon.-treasurers. The secretary is Mr. Donald C. Fraser, at the address we have given above.

THE United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co., who have for some time past been occupying temporary offices in the Confederation Life Building, have just moved into more comfortable and commodious quarters at 6 Colborne St. The new offices are altogether much superior in every way to those the company have just left. It is worth while to note also that Messrs. Kirkpatrick & Kennard, the Canadian managers, are not allowing the grass to grow under their feet. Agents are rapidly being appointed at various strategic points, and altogether the organization shows every sign of making decided progress in Canada.

WE note the following recent business failures and compromises in the province of Quebec: Ulric Boucher, who succeeded his brother, Odelon, as a merchant at St. Barnabe, in 1892, is reported as having assigned, owing about \$6,000, and showing assets of \$6,400. He has been dragging in his payments for some time past.—J. E. Maranda & Co., general dealers, at St. Ours, lately reported insolvent, are trying to settle at 50 cents on liabilities of about \$7,500.—J. F. Mair, who came from New Brunswick in the fall of 1901 and started a small saw-milling business in the backwoods of Rimouski County, at St. Moise, has already assigned.—A voluntary assignment has been made by Crepeault & Co., general storekeepers at Kamouraska. The wife of W. R. C. Crepeault has been the legal owner of the business of late, and the account has been found a slow one, recent suits having been entered.—E. Allard, a leading general merchant of Hebertville, whose failure was noted in these columns several weeks ago, is said to offer 35 cents on liabilities of \$21,850.—A brief business experience has been that of W. H. Shouldice, who in the spring of last year bought out the branch store business of G. M. Bean, at Glen Bean. He acquired the business without any previous experience of storekeeping, and has met with the results usual in such cases, having had to assign.—An extension is sought by Joseph Dallaire, plumber, Sorel.

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