Dressy Torontonians

The season is getting pretty well along and yet there are many social functions on the tapis. Toronto has perhaps had a lion's share of these more than ordinary occasions, and evening dress was never more on call than this season. "It's an ill-wind that blows nobody good" may fit the time with appropriateness for drapers and modistes have had their hands full, making for the many soirees and events which called for the orthodox dress; and it's a safe venture that no other draper in Toronto has had a trade in dress suits as that enjoyed by HENRY A. TAYLOR, the Rossin Block Mr. Taylor can give points to most of them on the how and why of dressy garments for gentlemen, and the claim that he makes the most particular clothing for the most particular people, is no idle boast.





Mercantile Summary.

The moderate shoe manufacturing concern of Lefebvre Freres, Montreal, in which Mr. Albert St. Martin has of late been the only registered partner, has made a voluntary assignment. The liabilities are not heavy, not being estimated beyond \$15,000, and some moderate surplus is claimed. Mr. St. Martin has been handicapped by lacking a thorough practical knowledge of the business.

THE Bill to exclude aliens from working placer gold mines has been adopted by the British Columbia Legislature. There is an excuse for it in that some of the neighboring states maintain laws as extreme. It is a poor excuse, though. If aliens had been excluded in the past from opportunities to show their enterprise in Canada, some prosperous communities would be wastes.—Gazette.

The only dry goods failure in Montreal reported on account of default on the 4th February, is that of A. Valiquette & Co. They were in trouble a year ago, and then arranged a compromise at 65 per cent., with the understanding that if they should default on any of the instalments, their indebtedness would revive in full. They have managed to complete the then arrangement, but have now assigned on new liabilities amounting to about \$22,000.

QUEBEC letters patent have been issued, incorporating Israel Louis Lafleur, hardware merchant, of Montreal; Joseph Adolphe, St. Armand, commercial traveller; F. X. Panneton, merchant, and P. E. Panneton, banker, of Three Rivers, and Hyacinthe Beauchemin, contractor, of Sorel, to sell and deal in hardware, and metal, wood, and leather goods, under the name of "The Canada Hardware Company," ("La compagnie de ferronneries du Canada"), with a capital stock of \$50,000.

At a recent meeting of the shareholders of the Wyld, Grasett, Darling Company, Limited, of Toronto, the business of the late firm of Wyld, Grasett and Darling was formally taken over by the new company. The following officers were elected: Frederick Wyld, president; Andrew Darling, vice-president; A. W. Grasett, director; R. D. Malcolm, secretary. Arrangements were undertaken for extending the field of the company, and for promoting the business, so successfully and long-continued by the firm of Wyld, Grasett and Darling.

THE Eastern Trust Company, whose office is in Halifax, has issued its sixth annual report. The financial statement shows receipts, from commissions, \$7,-554.45; from interest, \$2,816.63. There was paid a dividend of \$3,000 for 1897, and \$1,500 for half year 1898, both being at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum. The par value of the estates, trusts and securities held by the company at the close of December last amounted to \$1,222,384.29, against \$844,150.54 on the 31st December, Payments of interest have been made promptly, and, although the company has \$491,800 invested on mortgages, no foreclosures were necessary during the vear.

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