

having been entered against them, and they assign.—J. H. Hoover, formerly a druggist at Vienna, has assigned to Wm. Warnock. So has Jessie Hoover, agent at Aylmer, Ont. —After being in business several years, a small furniture dealer at Sarnia, Isidore Cohen, who came from Germany, has assigned. —A few months ago Fox & Wickett started a general store in Sterling, without any experience in that line. They soon managed to involve themselves into a debt of about \$2,000, and are already insolvent.—An assignment is made by R. Buckley, a general storekeeper, of Allenford, to C. B. Armstrong, of London, after an offer of 50 per cent. had been declined by creditors.—About ten days ago Dutton & Ross, general storekeepers, Parkhill, sold their stock to Lawson & Gillespie, Orangeville, for \$8,750, and yesterday a meeting of their creditors was held. We have not learned what transpired. While in the livery business in Toronto, Dutton became involved in real estate transactions.—E. A. Boyce, butcher at Rodney, is reported away.

DRY GOODS NOTES.

Clark's Thread Mills at Newark, N.J., which have been shut down for the past three weeks, have resumed operations on three-quarter time.

W. D. Martin, a leading clothing merchant in Moncton, N.B., is advertising for 50 girls to work in a clothing factory which he is about starting in connection with his business.

Our Montreal correspondent says that the buyers' excursion to that city from Toronto and points westward begins on the 25th inst., running to the 28th, and good to return up to Sept. 11th.

The Toronto wholesale ready-made clothing houses have been very busy of late shipping their fall orders. Some firms report that more goods will be sent to the North-West and British Columbia this year than last.

Mr. John Patterson, of Glasgow, Scotland, an annual commercial visitor to Montreal in the linen trade, in conversation with a *Herald* representative, said that their orders for the United States had been entirely out off owing to the silver crisis. "When you consider," he said, "that the United States assumes more linen than all the other nations of the

world combined, you may well ask 'Has the silver question affected us.' The linen factories in Ireland and Scotland are running four days a week with diminished looms."

The merchants and business men in Pilot Mound, Man., have decided to adopt the early closing system on and after the 14th of August. Places of business will be closed at 7 p.m., except on Saturday nights and evening previous to holidays.

The milliners of Ottawa are to petition the city council to pass an early closing by-law as regards millinery stores in the city. The petition is now being circulated for signatures, and it is expected the necessary number to enable the by-law to be passed will be obtained.

A prominent dry goods merchant said recently that he would gladly see the ready-cash system introduced in this city, and would be prepared to give the change his active support. To be thoroughly effective the innovation, on such terms as might be agreed upon, must be universally adopted.—*Kingston News*.

A Montreal dry goods clerk has been arrested on the strength of a charge which was laid through the sending of a letter to the accused's employer by a young woman, who claimed that he had promised her two silk dresses, but had only given her one, which the accused had told her was stolen by him from his employer.

A bill for the abolition of the duty on imported cotton, which was submitted to the last two sessions of the Japanese diet by members of the House of Representatives, failed to pass the House of Peers for want of time; but it is stated that it will be submitted at the next session as a Government measure.

Here are some business items concerning dry goods dealers:

The clothiers, Scovil, Fraser & Co., of St. John, Newfoundland, are opening a branch at New Glasgow, N.S.—Bricker & Diebel, who carry on a dry goods business in Waterloo, are going to add a millinery department.—The mayor of Toronto Junction is in correspondence with a hosiery manufacturer, and a woolen manufacturer, who will move there if sufficient inducements are offered.—Business will be commenced in A. Murray's dry goods store at Aylmer, Ont., by A. A. Doupe, on September 1st.

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