

law or the adoption of some mode that will end the fraudulent preferences of bankrupts, by the Canadian Government. Sir John Macdonald replied that it was difficult to prevent fraudulent preferences, and promised the deputation that he would submit the question to the Canadian Parliament."

It speaks more loudly than anything we could write, and shows the need of prompt action.

The late examples, in our own trade, of unfair preference—that of James Campbell & Son—fully written on last month, and that of Boyd, Watson & Co., of London, in which a moiety only was left for all the creditors except some half dozen—are sufficient incentives for exertion to put the trade of the country on a more reliable basis.

Necessarily large amounts of the goods sold in the trades we represent are purchased in England, Germany and elsewhere.

Hitherto Canada's credit and the credit of her merchants has stood high. Shall it remain so?

The stability of trade, the good name of our merchants, and the honour of our own Canada, all combine to demand equity and right.

IN THE UNITED STATES there is a strong desire for a bankrupt law, and President Arthur in his annual message to Congress remarks:

In view of the general and persistent demand throughout the commercial community for a national bankrupt law, I hope that the differences of sentiment which have hitherto prevented its enactment may not outlast the present session.

GEORGE BROWN.—On Tuesday, November 25th, was unveiled in Queen's Park, Toronto, the monument erected to the memory of the Hon. George Brown, whose forceful and valuable life was cut short by the hand of an assassin, but who left behind him in the annals of his adopted country many marks of his ability and patriotism.

George Brown was a man of immense force of character, quickness of decision and firmness of purpose. From these characteristics arose his failures as well as his successes. Started on the right road he was a power for good, but if from wrong impression or bias his first step on any question was wrong he remained obstinately wrong all the way through.

As a political factor he was a tower of strength, and as a journalist he was supreme. He knew the newspaper business from beginning to end, and had such faith in himself and his paper that he never feared to pledge his credit to the utmost to secure means to carry on and improve his life work—the *Globe*. His enterprise in that direction is well shown by contrast with the work of his successors. Where his constant query was "what can be done to improve the *Globe*? in what direction can more money be ex-

ponded, more energy imparted?" theirs is "how can we reduce expenses, what feature may we lop off that will not be noticed?" George Brown's was the right course.

He was a faithful husband, a loving father, and a good citizen. With his many employees he was strict, with time servers severe, but to men who did their whole duty he was not only just but kind.

The monument he would have preferred above all others would have been a successful, enterprising, dominating *Globe*. As matters now stand the statue will have to serve.

THE MUTUAL NEWS CO.—The October Number of *The New York Newsdealer and Stationer* (which we place on our Change list as a welcome addition) takes the same view of this new Company as we did in last month's number.

Editorially, *The Newsdealer* says:—"While we welcome anything that will enter into competition with the American News Company, yet we would prefer to suffer as we have been doing, rather than encourage our pronounced enemy and traducer the *Herald* management," and to show how little the trade may expect in the way of a broad liberal policy, it gives the names and occupations of the first Board of Directors; "The Board of Directors consists of James Gordon Bennett, John W. Mackay, his partner; George F. Williams, of the *Herald* Delivery Department; Gardiner S. Howland, business manager of the *Herald*; John Townsend, its counsel, and Isaac Bell, jr., Mr. Bennett's brother-in-law. The only other members of the Board are George Jones, of the *Times*, and his son, Gilbert E. Jones."

"Better to bear the ills we have than fly to others that we know not of," even though that ill be no other than the *Toronto News Company*.

PUBLISHERS' NOTICES.

This number of BOOKS AND NOTIONS is issued a few days earlier than usual, on account of the near approach of Christmas.

THE ADMIRABLE HOLIDAY NUMBERS OF *The American Stationer*, and *Geyer's Stationer*, have come to hand, and vie with each other in presenting journals excellent in style, and full of interesting matter to the trade. It is certainly creditable to the Stationery and Fancy Goods Trades of the United States that they support two such valuable weeklies.

THE FALL NUMBER OF *The Dominion Dry Goods Reporter* is readable and new. Only eleven months in existence, it is evident, from the large advertising patronage it has received, that though only an infant it promises to remain till a good old age. The full-page illustration, "Canadian Snow-shoe and Tobog-