



The many friends of Mr. Wm. Sharpley, the head of the well-known jewelry firm of Messrs. Rice, Sharpley & Co., will regret to learn of his death at the comparatively early age of forty five. He was the eldest son of Mr. R. Sharpley, the founder of the firm, which is one of the oldest in the jewelry trade in Canada. Since the decease of Mr. Sharpley, senior, his two sons, Messrs. Wm. E. and Fred. Sharpley, have continued the business under the old title. Formerly the place of business was on Notre Dame Street east, more recently it was on St. James Street, west of St. Peter, but a short time ago the firm moved uptown to St. Catherine Street. The funeral took place on Monday, August 13, from the residence of deceased, 165 Mansfield Street. The funeral service was read in St. George's Church by the Rev. G. Osborne Troop, rector of St. Martin's Church, and the Rev. O. W. Howard, assistant minister of St. George's. Thence the cortege proceeded to Mount Royal Cemetery where the remains were laid in the family lot, Rev. Troop conducting the service at the grave side. The chief mourners were Mr. Fred. Sharpley, son, Mr. Robt Sharpley, nephew, and his cousins—Messrs. Thomas, Charles, Raymond and Walter Binmore. Many old friends attended to pay their last respects, including Messrs. E. H. Botterell, David Miller, H. Gunod, Wm. Pringle, S. White, J. Watson, C. Ludwig, D. Horner, N. Sloves, and the employees of the firm of R. Sharpley & Sons.

Mr. G. W. Reid, representing Mr. Jas. A. Pitts in Toronto, paid a recent visit to Montreal.

Mr. J. C. Barlow, with Robbins, Appleton & Co., after spending a very enjoyable holiday on the Maine coast, has returned to business, bronzed by the sun and the sea and as fit as a Waltham watch.

Mr. W. H. Heath, who has been acting as locum tenens for Mr. Thos. McG. Robertson, during the latter's absence at Waltham, has been spending a pleasant few days in Montreal seeing the sights of the city. Mrs. Heath came on from Waltham especially to share the holiday.

Mr. Jas. A. Pitts, jobber, Temple Building, has been spending a few weeks in Montreal, after a rather extended business journey.

Her many friends will be pleased to learn that Mrs. Pitts is rapidly recovering from her long and painful illness.

Miss Tompkins, stenographer, with Messrs. Smith, Patterson & Co., is to be married to Mr. Fred. Frankemearly this present month. The wedding will be a very pretty one and largely attended.

Mr. Wm. Eaves, who has been drinking the waters at the Caledonian Springs, has returned to business much improved in health.

Mr. Wm. Birks, of the firm of Messrs. Henry Birks & Sons, jewelers, has returned to Montreal from his yearly European trip.

Messrs. Vineburg & Sons, jewelers, Montreal, have dissolved.

Messrs. A. T. Wiley & Co., crockery, etc., Montreal, have applied for a charter.

The stock of Mr. G. B. Richardson, jeweler, Granby, Que., is under seizure.

Mr. Jules Jacot, sub-inspector of the C.P.R. at Quebec, was in Montreal recently and made a call upon Mr. Harmon. He has taken over the jewelry business of his brother, the late Mr. Emile Jacot, Rue St. Joseph, St. Roche, Que.

Mr. A. R. Harmon, of the American Waltham Watch Co., paid his usual monthly visit to Toronto during August.

Mr. C. H. A. Grant, of the Montreal Watch Case Co., and the M. S. Brown Co., has left for a business trip to the Pacific Coast.

Mr. B. Danford, of the Montreal Watch Case Co., has returned from his usual business journey to the Lower Provinces.

Mr. James E. Marrett, of Portland, Maine, who has large lumber interests in Canada, was a recent visitor of Mr. A. R. Harmon.

Mr. R. J. E. Scott, chief inspector of the Canadian Pacific time service, is now on the Pacific Coast in the interests of his department.

Mr. T. E. Wright, resident manager in Montreal of Messrs. P. W. Ellis & Co., has returned to business after an enjoyable vacation.

In conversation with the *TRADER* correspondent, Mr. A. R. Harmon, of the Robbins, Appleton Co., remarked that the demand for watches continues to exceed the supply, both here and in the United States, and that with the greatest difficulty not more than a tenth of the jobbers can be supplied. The prices of watch movements too continue their upward tendency, especially for best goods, and several lines have been advanced during the past few weeks. To those acquainted with the Canadian market, continued Mr. Harmon, the demand for best goods is rather surprising, and these are at present the goods it is most difficult to supply the market with.

Mr. E. C. Fitch, president of the American Waltham Watch Co., accompanied by his youngest son, Messrs. A. K. Sloane, Hard and Carroll, passed through Montreal recently upon his return from his Labrador fishing grounds, where the party had the most enjoyable sport. Mr. Fitch returned in the very best of health and spirits and as brown as a berry.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Birks, of Messrs. Henry Birks & Sons, are occupying Mr. Harmon's cottage at Prout's Neck, Maine, for the remainder of the season.

Among the travellers recently in Montreal were Mr. R. J. Abbs, of the Goldsmiths Stock Co.; Mr. S. C. Eppenstein, of the Illinois Watch Case Co., Elgin, Ill., and Mr. Sherry, of the Fahys Watch Case Co.

HOCHELAGA.

A PECULIAR CANE. —Meriden, Conn., Aug. 15.—George M. Curtis, assistant treasurer of the International Silver Co., has received a souvenir cane made by a convict in the Colorado State Prison at Canon City, which was sent him by the maker. It is artistically designed, showing that much time and labor must have been devoted in completing the staff. The convict is F. Avery, and he sent an explanatory letter, in which he said he made the cane out of Roger Bros' paper boxes, used for packing their "1847."