

CONTRACTS have been let for the erection of a new brick building in Chatham for Gray & Sons' carriage factory. It will be a roomy and good-looking building, and the cost will be somewhere between \$16,000 and \$20,000.

AMONGST the minor failures occurring in this province since our last are the following: J. E. Martin, wagonmaker, Amherstburg; Thos. Keast, hardware, Clarksburg; W. T. Bonathan, tins, Newcastle; John Crawford, boots and shoes, Ripley; H. A. Willett, liquors, Welland.

We learn that the business men of Brantford have petitioned the City Council asking that Monday, the 26th of May, be appointed "a public holiday for the celebration of the Queen's birthday instead of the 24th, which falls this year on Saturday, and to keep which as a holiday would be detrimental to the business interests of the city."

"I see you have my goods marked 'C. B. D.'" said a near-by merchant (whose credit was considerably impaired) to a salesman. "I understand what 'C.O.D.' means, but this C.B.D. (C.B.D. means cash before delivery) is a puzzler." The salesman took in the situation in a second and said that C.B.D. meant "Cash By Discount." This satisfied the merchant, but it was only the tact of the salesman that held his customer.—*Dry Goods Chronicle.*

THE offer of 60 cents on the dollar submitted to creditors by the general store firm of Sill, Jones & Co., at Jarvis, was not entertained by those present at the meeting held last week. It was afterwards arranged that a general extension of 10 per cent. in 3 months, 10 per cent. in 6 months, and 30 per cent. in January next be granted, and that then a new undertaking for the balance be entered into. The statement shows a surplus over liabilities of \$11,560.

E. LYALL is the wife of W. L. Lyall, a tailor in Portage la Prairie, who by means of some operations in real estate disqualified himself from using his own name. She is asking an extension of twelve months on liabilities of \$5,000.—The general stock of W. D. Ruttan, at Manitou in the same province, has been sold to E. Ruttan for 62½ cents on the dollar.—At Virten, the stock of shoes of J. W. Hetherington has been disposed of at 58 cents on the dollar, and the book debts at 16 cents.—The creditors of Neelin & Wilkinson, at Anthracite, have closed out this general store business for \$600 cash.

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Just as we go to press word comes of the death at St. Louis, after a long illness, of Mr. Hugh Mackay, head of the old and prominent house of Mackay Brothers, wholesale dry goods merchants, Montreal.

We learn that Mr. Geo. D. Ross, who has sold the production of the Paton & Rosamond Woollen Mills for Messrs. F. Stephen & Co., Montreal, for many years, has withdrawn from that agency, and is now open to accept agencies of the same class of goods. From his acquaintance with the woollen trade connection from Halifax to Victoria, and his general business knowledge and ability, Mr. Ross should be of value to any manufacturer requiring a selling agent.

At the meeting of creditors held last week to consider the financial position of Messrs. Isbister & Co., Port Arthur, and A. Isbister & Co., Petrolia, general dealers, an offer of 50 cents on the dollar was made. As the statement of the Petrolia store was not then ready an adjournment was made until Tuesday, but the unexpected death of Mr. Adam Isbister has rendered necessary another adjournment to the 8th, when some definite arrangement will likely be consummated.—A compromise at 40 cents on the dollar has been effected by M. Henning in the shoe business at Preston.

We observe that testimony to the sound quality of Messrs. J. & J. Taylor's safes has been given by merchants of Regina who were sufferers by the fire in that place a fortnight ago. Mr. C. H. Bayne, grocer; Mr. J. W. Smith, tins and stoves; Messrs. Smith & Ferguson, hardware dealers; Mr. J. F. Mowat, men's furnishings; Mr. John Secord, merchant; and Messrs. Le Jeune, Smith & Co., bankers, who were burned out, all testify that their valuables in Taylor's safes were preserved in satisfactory order. Some of the safes thus tested were new; one was twenty years old, but they all answered the purpose well.

THERE appears in a recent number of the *American Wool Reporter* a portrait and biographic sketch of a young man named James H. Bragg, who was awarded first prize for an essay on carding in a competition invited by that journal. Mr. Bragg is 29 years of age, and when four years old went with his father, Cyrus Bragg, to live in Almonte, Ont., where the elder was some years boss carder for Bennett Rosamond, afterwards in business on his own account, then boss carder for the Sherbrooke Woollen Co. five years, next leased a mill at Iberville, Que., and was

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finally superintendent of Mrs. Stark's mill at West Farnham. At last father and son returned to the States, and ran a mill at Millville, Mass., Cyrus running the card room by day, James by night. The young man began by carrying spools, then became a grinder and a fixer, gradually got promoted to looking after spinning as well as carding. At Dalton, Mass., he was made boss carder for C. Glenon & Sons, and now he is at Great Falls, N. H., making flannels, ladies' dress goods, &c. Evidently an industrious and intelligent man; half New Englander and half Canuck—like McKee Rankin's new play.

ONE of the best-known men in Montreal passed away on Saturday last after an illness of some months, in the person of Andrew Robertson, chairman of the Harbor Commission of that city, president of the Bell Telephone Company and of the Royal Canadian Insurance Company. Mr. Robertson was a man of marked activity of mind and body, and early showed an aptitude for business and a grasp of affairs. Born in Paisley in 1827, he went into a manufacturing business in Glasgow at an early age. Coming to Canada about 1853, he gave his attention to the dry goods trade and founded the firm of Andrew Robert-

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