

BUCKLAND, POLE & Co., makers of hosiery, began business in this city in July last, and have already assigned. The former was a grain buyer, the latter, the practical man in the business, came from Kingston.—At the time of the fire in the University about a year ago, R. J. Lloyd, confectioner and caterer, had prepared viands for the conversation. The flames prevented the banquet, however, and Mr. Lloyd's losses thereby were considerable. Mr. Ferguson, the assignee, finds the indebtedness to be about \$6,000, and assets \$5,000.

MR. H. W. PETRIE, dealer in machinery of all kinds, who has been energetically building up a business all over Canada, announces the removal of his headquarters from Brantford to Toronto. This step became necessary because his increased transactions require the best facilities for transportation, also buildings and appliances for handling heavy machinery, etc. Therefore he has built new brick premises 40 x 124 feet, near the Union Station, on Front St., west of the Walker House, with massive beams, steel girders, steam hoists, and every facility for handling heavy goods. His sales-rooms and offices are fitted with plate glass; J. & J. Taylor have built his vaults, the Barnum Works his railing. He is lighted by electricity and heated by the Buffalo Hot Blast system.

Leading Wholesale Trade of Toronto.

IMPORTANT TO THE TRADE.

—RETI—

FROM THE

Wholesale Dry Goods Business.

We beg to notify the Dry Goods Merchants of Ontario that we have decided to retire from business and shall from the first of the present month offer the whole of our stock for sale at a very great sacrifice. The stock is almost entirely of a staple character, and to independent buyers it is a very exceptional opportunity to secure desirable lines.

It is our intention to close out the business as rapidly as possible, and to accomplish this we are prepared to sell goods at prices below anything offered in the trade.

Jobbers will find it to their advantage to examine our stock.

Bryce, McMurrich & Co.,

61 BAY ST., TORONTO.

S. F. McKINNON & CO.

IMPORTERS OF

Millinery Goods,

Fancy Dry Goods,

Mantles, Silks, etc.

Cor. Wellington and Jordan Sts.

TORONTO.

Milk Street, . . . London England.

As a consequence of the failure of J. A. Patterson & Co., milliners, W. B. Craig, fancy goods dealer, Montreal, has failed. He owes \$10,272, and talks of a 30 cent in the dollar settlement. He compromised at the same figure about five years ago.—From the same cause as above, Mrs. Tussier, a Montreal milliner, has assigned, owing some \$5,000 odd.—We note the assignment of M. Dube, dealing in the furniture line at Ottawa.—J. M. McGuire, a grocer and liquor dealer in a small way at Buckingham, has assigned, owing about \$1,400. Originally a laborer, he began business a few years ago on limited capital, and still less experience.

RECENTLY, after giving a chattel mortgage, Joseph Bird advertised his hotel business at Dutton for sale. Consequently John Scandrett, London, got out a copy and Mr. B. was sent to St. Thomas jail.—Jas. Goodwin, a young man of good character but with small capital, began general store-keeping at Hagersville, but did not keep it long. He assigned to D. Blackley.—John New, whose creditors met a week ago, as we already stated, has assigned to R. Jenkins in this city.—Other assignments are those of Geo. Yost, general store-keeper, Hanover; N. W. G. Terry, grocer, etc., Murray; Charles Dalziel, insurance agent, Sarnia; and Geo. Lawrence, baker, etc., Stroud.

The advance made in the United States in the system of street railways, or tramways, surprises people in England. A paper read by Mr. F. J. Sprague on electric traction, says: Six years ago there was scarcely a hundred electric motors in operation in the United States for any purpose. Now there are fifteen thousand in use, applied to two hundred different industries. With regard to street railways, Mr. Sprague says that the storage battery system has been quite outpaced, it being

Leading Wholesale Trade of Toronto.

J. W. LANG & CO., WHOLESALE GROCERS, —TORONTO—

DELHI JAM | MINCE MEAT

In 4 and 7 lb. Palls.

In 1 lb. Pkgs.

Johnston's & Armour's Fluid Beef.

WRITE FOR PRICES

33 FRONT ST. EAST.

**PAINTERS'
-BRUSHES**

REQUISITE FOR
House Painters,
Varnishers, Grainers,
Kalsominers,
Paper Hangers,
Decorators,

CARRIAGE AND COACH PAINTERS.

In the manufacture of our Painters' Brushes we adopt the following principles:

- 1st. We use only the best quality of stock throughout
- 2nd. Special care is given to the selection and preparing of the bristles.
- 3rd. A standard weight, length and quality of stock for each grade of Brush.
- 4th. An attractive and uniform style of finish.
- 5th. Every Brush is branded with our name, and guaranteed in every particular.

**Chas. Boeckh & Sons,
TORONTO.**

necessary to have a weight of 3,500 pounds to propel an ordinary street car. There are in the United States electric railways under contract, comprising about 1,500 miles of track. They are equipped with 1,700 motor cars, and 3,000 motors, and are making 100,000 miles per day.

SENSIBLE CHRISTMAS HINTS.

Buy no more than you can afford.

Entertain only within your means.

Give no gift where you do not delight to.

Shop no more than you have the strength for.

Keep your Christmas nerve and muscle and heart and hope and cheer first for your own home, your own fireside, your dearest, your closest, and then for the homeless, the fireless, the unloved, the "undared," and be true, true to the last Christmas card that goes to your post office, or the last "Merry Christmas" that crosses your lips!—*Ladies' Home Journal.*

—Among American cities the following are some of those which show great progress in thirty years. The comparisons are made after the census of 1870. San Francisco has doubled since 1890; Chicago nearly quadrupled; Detroit and Cleveland not far from trebled, while the percentage of Minneapolis and St. Paul's increase, as well as that of Seattle, makes one rub his eyes. We give the figures of some cities for three census years in round numbers:—

	1870.	1890.	1890.
Pittsburg	86,000	156,000	238,000
Cleveland.....	92,000	160,000	261,000
Milwaukee....	71,000	115,000	204,000
Detroit.....	79,000	116,000	205,000
Chicago.....	298,000	508,000	1,099,000
Rochester.....	62,386	89,000	138,000
Buffalo.....	117,000	155,000	251,000
Albany.....	69,000	90,000	94,000
Minneapolis...	13,000	46,000	164,000
St. Paul.....	20,000	41,000	133,000
San Francisco	149,000	234,000	298,000
Seattle.....	1,000	3,500	44,000

—An enthusiastic admirer of Shakespeare, who claimed no other poet had ever been equal to him, after exhausting praise, exclaimed: "I tell you that Shakespeare climbed 'Parnassus' to a height never before reached, and then pulled the ladder up after him."

TO MANUFACTURERS.

The most desirable factory site in vicinity of Toronto, or equivalent cash bonus, will be given free to suitable parties who will erect factory thereon. Switches on C. P. R. and G. T. Railways. Correspondence invited. Address

GEO. F. COOK,
93 Church St., Toronto.

Leading Wholesale Trade of Toronto.

**CHARLES COCKSHUTT & CO.,
IMPORTERS OF**

WOOLLENS

—AND—

Clothiers' Trimmings.

**57 FRONT ST. WEST,
TORONTO.**