



"THE CANADIAN OPTICIAN" is making vigorous efforts for the formation of an optical association, and from the nature of the correspondence which their May number contains, coming as they do from the most prominent opticians of Canada, testifies that the subject of an association is a live issue. In their efforts they have the entire sympathy of this journal.

**INCORPORATED.**—The firm of Ambrose Kent & Sons, jewelers, of Toronto, have turned their business into a joint-stock company with an authorized capital of \$100,000. The new company will be known as "Ambrose Kent & Sons, Limited," and the first officers are as follows: President, Ambrose Kent; Vice-President and Treasurer, Mr. Wm. G. Kent; Secretary, Mr. L. Herbert Luke.

**MR. T. ARTHUR ST. JEAN**, who for the past fourteen years has been well and favorably known throughout the province of Quebec as the representative of the firm of Alfred Eaves, has started business on his own account at No. 1693, Notre Dame St., Montreal, as a wholesale dealer in jewelry, watches, clocks, materials, etc., where he hopes to see many of his old jewelry friends in the near future.

**A NEAT CARD.**—The American Watch Case Company, of Toronto, Limited, are sending out to the retail trade a very attractive show card, illustrating a tray of fancy diamond set cases. They are mounted on heavy cardboard and have a silk cord to hang them up by, and will be appreciated by the trade as a suitable shop decoration. Mr. Bachley, the company's missionary, is distributing them on his rounds through the country.

**THE SPRING RACES** at the Woodbine Track, Toronto, were as usual well patronized by the jewelry trade of the Dominion, amongst others present there were Messrs. A. R. Harmon, Montreal; R. J. Tingley, Toronto; W. E. Boyd, Hamilton, W. K. McNaught, S. Frenkel, C. Bachley, J. McKnight, John Logan, and J. Levy, Toronto; G. H. Lees, Hamilton; G. F. Trorey, Vancouver; R. A. Douglas, Barrie; F. T. Trebilcock, London.

**MESSRS. HENRY BIRKS & SONS**, of Montreal, have just issued a very neat little illustrated pamphlet from their optical department to the general public, that is so striking in its get up, and common sense in its tone, that it cannot fail to bring them considerable trade, and that too of the best class. We don't know who is the author of this little brochure, but he is to be commended for the work he has turned out, which reflects credit on the firm and on himself.

**THE INDIAN CLOCK** of The Ambrose Kent & Son Co., Limited, has been undergoing a spring cleaning during the past month, inside and out, and has come through the ordeal not only improved as to time keeping qualities, but looking like a brand new clock from the factory. Gold leaf has not been spared in its decoration, and it now presents a golden Indian to the public gaze as well as a golden clock. Although neat it is both a striking and attractive sign.

**A DELICATE POINT** of law will shortly be decided in British Columbia on account of the suit which has been entered against the town of Nelson, B.C., by Harry Epstein, a peddler, in the amount of \$1,000, for having refused him a license to sell goods, including jewelry, in that city, and to compensate for loss of trade and meet cost of general expenses. Epstein deposited \$50 at the clerk's office in payment of his license, but the mayor of the town refused the money.

**WATCH CHANGES.**—The Waltham Watch Company notified the trade on May 5th that the following changes would take effect from that date. *Discontinued:* No. 28 Nickel, 16 size;  $\frac{3}{4}$  plate Nickel, 15 jewel. Also the *issue* of a new Model Htg., 16 size; movement,  $\frac{3}{4}$  plate, 15 jewels in settings; Nickel, with polished and red girded centre wheel and jewel settings; Cut Expansion Balance; Patent Micrometer Regulator; Patent Brequet Hair Spring, hardened and tempered in form.

**A MILITARY BELT**, which deservedly attracted much attention as a souvenir of the present war in South Africa, last month was exhibited in the window of the J. E. Ellis Co., Limited, of Toronto. Although it is only made of ordinary canvas, it is decorated with fifty badges and clasps representing some of the most gallant and historic regi-

ments in the British service now on active service in South Africa. The belt was forwarded by Surgeon-Col Worthington, of the 2nd Canadian contingent, now in the field.

**LOST FOUR FINGERS.**—While at work on the afternoon of Tuesday, May 22nd, in the Toronto Silver Plate Company's factory, William Williamson, a lad of 15 years of age, met with an accident through which he lost the four fingers of his left hand. He was operating a pressing machine at the time, and in some manner his hand was caught between the rollers. When his hand was extricated it was found that the four fingers were crushed to a pulp. He was taken to the Emergency Hospital.

**THE CANADIAN OPHTHALMIC COLLEGE**, which has been closed during the past year, will re-open on June 25th. This popular school will be under the same management as heretofore, and will be in charge of Mr. L. G. Amsden, who has occupied the position of instructor since its organization. Several improvements are arranged in the college, and the management contemplate extending the term and lessening the number of classes to be held, so that the students will have the very best facilities for acquiring optical training.

**THE ALTERATIONS** at Ryrie Bros. seem to the ordinary observer to be more like rebuilding than altering the old building. The whole of the Adelaide Street wall has been torn down as also the bulk of the Yonge Street wall, and when all is completed it will be practically a new store that they will have. If we were rich enough to be a bloated property owner we would pray for tenants like Ryrie Bros. During alterations the firm are conducting their business in the new warehouse to the north of the old one, which premises they secured last year.

**MR. A. R. HARMON**, Canadian agent of the Waltham Watch Company, spent a week at Toronto during the latter part of May. Strangely enough he happened to strike "race week" and as usual was one of the fashionable crowd who went down on the Queen's birthday to see the race for the "Queen's Plate" and Her Majesty's guineas. Mr. Harmon kept his eye closely on business for all that however and left for home well satisfied with his trip from a commercial standpoint. He says business is keeping away up, and the demand still ahead of the supply.

**MR. A. G. CARTER**, who for several years past has been in the employ of G. Fowler & Co., of Winnipeg, recently severed his connection with that firm in order to open up a jewelry business on his own account in the same city. His store which is located at 235 Portage Avenue, is being specially fitted up with highly polished mahogany cases and British plate mirrors, and presents a most attractive appearance. As a practical jeweler Mr. Carter has had a wide experience in every branch and will, no doubt, enjoy the full measure of success he deserves.

**MR. GEORGE E. TROREY**, the well-known and popular retail jeweler of Vancouver, B.C., finding his old premises too small, has effected arrangements for a splendid store on the corner of the new block, now nearing completion. His new premises will be 26 x 120 feet, with a handsome London front of plate glass. The interior will be especially arranged. The whole establishment will be fitted in the most elaborate and modern manner, and in order to get the very latest, both in appliances and in the accessories which give effectiveness to the display of such a stock as he will carry, Mr. Trorey will shortly visit Chicago, New York, Boston and other eastern American as well as Canadian cities.

**THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THE BOERS.**—As was to have been expected the Government of the United States, through Secretary Hay, in an interview held on the 21st May, has officially notified the Boer delegates that "the President sympathizes heartily in the sincere desire of all the people of the United States that the war now affecting South Africa may, for the sake of both parties engaged, come to a speedy close, but having done his full duty in preserving a strictly neutral position between them, and in seizing the first opportunity for tendering his good offices in the interests of peace, he feels that in the present circumstances no course is open to him except to persist in the policy of impartial neutrality. To deviate