

Miss G. Rodgers is retiring from the fancy goods business in Hamilton.

A. W. Ball, the Toronto Druggist, has sold out.

French purses are in greater demand than ever. The local purse makers, however, claim to be kept busy. Notwithstanding the 30 per cent. protection a great many American purses and pocket books are imported into Canada.

Floral designs are used in much of the ornamentation in bon-bon boxes.

C. M. Taylor & Co. report a large sale of Heidelberg's cards in Eastern Ontario.

Rabbits of gold bronze are now out as Easter favours, in line with the old German idea.

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While we regret that the information given us about the relationship of Mr. J. R. Saunders of Halifax, to his mortgagee and assignee, Mr. Hobecker, was incorrect, we cannot help thinking that that gentleman has unnecessarily worked himself up to a great pitch of excitement over it all. His remarks about confederation are uncalled for, and as for his motto of "Nova Scotia for Nova Scotians" we think his practice has quite equalled his preaching in that he bought goods from Quebec and Ontario houses and after his failure, according to his own statement, it appears that all the preferences were held by local men.

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