

TRADE CHAT.

A BRANDON Knight of the Goose Board recently had a narrow escape from death by a rifle explosion.

The Standard Shirt Co., Montreal, Que., suffered \$1,000 damages by a recent neighboring fire.

Curses have been found on the waists of Egyptian mummies.

The capital stock of the Kingston hosiery mill has been increased from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

It is rumored that Senator Sanford, of Hamilton, will remove his cotton mills from Dundas to Windsor.

On October 28th the collar factory of Miller Bros. & Co., Montreal, was damaged by fire to the extent of \$30,000.

Messrs. J. D. Williamson & Co., of the Lion, Guelph, Ont., have lately made extensive alterations in their ordered clothing department.

The tailor shop of Thomas McGill, of Essex, was entered at an early hour on the morning of the 14th inst., and \$125 worth of goods taken.

Messrs. S. F. McKinnon & Co. have entered suit against the city, claiming \$1,500 for damages to elevator by the sand in city water.

The Belleville police commissioners have awarded the contract for clothing to Brignall & Thompson, and that for boots to John McKeown.

Uriah Shoemaker, for years a clerk in the dry goods store of Groff & Hymonen, went to Detroit about eighteen months ago, and now his friends fear foul play, as he cannot be found.

Mr. William Munns has issued a writ for \$11,631 against John Macdonald & Co. There has been a good deal of complicated litigation between the parties, and this is simply another branch of it.

Messrs. Newland & Co., plush manufacturers, in Galt, Ont., intend starting a branch factory at Buffalo at once. They feel able to compete with any firm on the other side.

Mr. J. K. Macdonald has been re-elected president of the Toronto Children's Aid Society. Like the founder of the firm of John Macdonald & Co., he abounds in good works, a worthy son of a noble sire.

Northey & Co. have commenced an action against T. Eaton & Co., dry goods merchants, of this city, claiming \$25,000 damages for alleged breach of contract and for slander regarding the Northey Gas Producer.

Dry Goods Genius.—How shall I mark these goods? Old Tapeyard—Just figure out fifty per cent. profit and add seven odd cents, so the women will think it's a bargain.

James Byrne, tailor, 258 Church street, Toronto, wants \$5,060 damages from M. McConnell, Peter Small, R. Bewolby, and P. Playter for alleged excessive distress and for wrongful entry on his premises.

Mr. W. G. Riebert, late of London, Ont., has been appointed western representative of Messrs. James Coristine & Co., Montreal, wholesale manufacturers of hats and furs.

Stirrett & Co., dry goods merchants, of Petrolia, Ont., are so well pleased with their trade there that they have withdrawn their branch store from Forest, and will centre all their efforts in Petrolia.

The Woodstock, Ont., Woollen Mills, G. Wetmore Merritt, Alexander Wills, and A. L. Trueman, incorporators,

have applied for a charter as the Woodstock Woollen Mills Co., Ltd., with a capital of \$20,000.

The St. Hyacinthe papers announce the arrival there from Sherbrooke of about 50 employees of the E. T. Corset Company, which has now removed its operation to the former city.

G. Wood & Co., Brandon, have opened the doors of their fine new store in Macdonald block. They show an immense stock of dry goods, mantles, furs, gents' furnishings and ready-made clothing.

Hyslop, Caulfield & Co. are defendants in a suit in which a man named Andrews is plaintiff. Andrews is a Montreal man who is claiming damages, alleging that they broke a contract with him by refusing to send him samples.

Mr. Fred. McMillan, of London, Ont., died there recently. He was a traveller for Messrs. Dickson, Nicholson & Co., wholesale milliners, of London, and just before his sickness had accepted a new position with a Montreal firm.

The proprietors of the Montreal Silk Mills are turning their business into a joint stock company, the principal shareholders being L. Davis, John Haskell, John Burger, H. J. Joseph and S. Joseph, all of Montreal. The capital is to be \$75,000.

In another column will be found a holiday offer from the famous window dresser, Harry Harman, and dealers who have not yet secured his lending works on window dressing will do well to examine his offer carefully. His ideas on window dressing are practicable and original.

Messrs. Hamilton and Cassels, inspectors of the insolvent estate of Kilbourn, Bishop & Co., Owen Sound, have issued their statement. The claims against the estate amounted to \$12,852.55, and the assets are \$7,182.36. The expenses amount to \$1,314.62, leaving for the creditors 39 1-2 per cent. on their claims.

The Yarmouth Cotton Duck and Yarn Company are adding to their outfit a new mill, which they expect to have in operation before the end of the year. The new factory, with its equipment, will cost from \$70,000 to \$80,000, will have a capacity of 10,000 to 12,000 pounds per week, and will give employment to 65 or 70 hands. The old mill is kept fully at work and gives employment to 130 hands.

The Y. M. C. A. held a reception to the dry goods employees of this city on a recent evening, when about 300 young men and ladies were present. Invitations had been sent to all the large wholesale and retail establishments. A gymnastic exhibition was given in the gymnasium, where Mr. Stephen Caldecott made an address, in which he pointed out the benefits the Y. M. C. A. held out to young men.

An order in council has been passed providing for the entry into Canada free of customs duty of horse hair when, besides being cleaned as provided for free admission under the terms of tariff item No. 279, it is also dipped or dyed. Such exemption from duty will only apply to cases in which the horse hair so cleaned and dipped or dyed has been imported by a manufacturer of horse hair cloths for use in his own factory in the manufacture of such cloths.

A strike has been in progress among the employees of Holbrook's clothing

establishment at Ottawa. Seven men demanded of Mr. Holbrook that he should compel the girls working for him to join the tailors' union, and when he declined they left work. Mr. feels that he has no right to compel his working girls to join any organization, and much less have his men a right to dictate in the matter, and he has given the men to understand that if they do not return to work in a reasonable time, he will fill their places with others.

The International Monetary Conference will be held at Brussels November 22, with seventeen powers represented besides the United States. The governments which have accepted the invitation of the United States to send delegates to the conference are Austria, Hungary, Belgium, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Roumania, Russia, Servia, Spain, Sweden and Norway, and Switzerland.

A good story is told about a recent transaction. A traveller sent to his house an order for about \$100 worth of goods at sixty days, which he had taken. The house looked up the rating of the customer, and not being satisfied wrote to him and said that it would fill the order if he would pay the first \$200 cash and the second \$200 in sixty days. The customer replied: "Your terms are accepted, but you can cancel the first half of the order."

For some time past Thomas C. Watkins, the well-known Hamilton dry goods merchant, has been in ill health, the result of too constant attention to business, which at his advanced age, 74 years, causes a much greater strain than in a younger man. On the advice of his physicians he has decided to take a rest, and has gone away to recuperate. It is hoped that he will be benefited by the change and that a short time will suffice to restore him to his usual health and vigor.

The following Irish news will be interesting. In September the exports of linen piece goods exhibit an increase to four countries only—viz., Germany, 38.1 per cent.; British North America, 37.3 per cent.; British East Indies, 19.1 per cent.; and United States, 19.1 per cent. Amongst the decreases are Spain and Canaries, 50.9 per cent.; Foreign West Indies, 49.1 per cent.; Italy, 43.2 per cent.; Brazil, 43.1 per cent.; and Australasia, 40.3 per cent. The nine months' shipments, however, are still above those of 1891, by 9.2 per cent. and 6.2 per cent. in quantity and value respectively.

A meeting of the clerks of the town of Renfrew, Ont., was held the other evening, to consider if they would take steps to try to induce their employers to continue the early closing movement—six o'clock three nights in the week—the year round, instead of for the summer months only. All agreed that they would like to get the concession; but the general store clerks were not quite sure, if they were the bosses themselves, that they would want to close up so promptly any nights in the winter months, when far-off customers get in late in the day and want to do their shopping at night. It was decided, however, to name a committee to find out the opinion of the senior merchants themselves on the matter, and D. W. Stewart, W. R. Barnard and J. R. Morley were selected.