

OLD-ESTABLISHED HOUSES.

In Great Britain, and, in fact, throughout nearly all Europe, considerable pride is taken by business houses of long standing in the circumstance that they are among the oldest in the district to which they belong, and it is only right that this should be so. Any mercantile or professional establishment that can lay claim to such a measure of success as enabled it to continue for years with an unbroken and uninterrupted record has good cause to feel proud.

THE REVIEW is pleased to notice that this feeling is gaining ground in Canada, and, after making some enquiries, it finds that the following firms can lay claim to being among the oldest wholesale dry goods houses at present doing business in Canada; that is, those which have the longest unbroken records:

Thibaudeau Bros., of Montreal and Quebec, established in 1811.

J. G. MacKenzie & Co., of Montreal, established in 1829.

John Vassie & Co., of St. John, N.B., established in 1832.

S. Greenshields, Son & Co., of Montreal, established in 1833.

If any readers know of a wholesale dry goods house or houses dating back as far as those above mentioned, THE REVIEW would be obliged by their notifying it of such fact.

CANADIAN RETAILERS ORGANIZING.

At the last meeting of the Toronto Merchants' Association, a resolution was passed to the effect that the various retail businesses of the city should be divided into sections, and that five members be appointed as a committee out of each section. A municipal and legislative committee, composed of 28 members, was elected, and Mr. E. M. Trowern was appointed secretary of the association. The executive committee was instructed to make arrangements for securing permanent offices. The association does not believe that a business tax of $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. would be in their interests, or that the proposed new insolvency bill has been framed to suit the requirements of the retailers. A motion was introduced and carried, to the effect that as the business streets of the city are not properly watered, a deputation should wait on the city council and demand a better watering system.

Messrs. James Stewart and T. H. Smith, of Toronto, have organized a local branch of the Ontario Retail Merchants' Association in London. The following officers were elected: D. W. Blackwell, president; J. Pocock, vice-president, and E. Sutton, secretary.

REMOVAL.

The Canadian Underwear Co., of Montreal, has moved from 301 St. James street to the spacious warehouse until lately occupied by Lonsdale, Reid & Co., at 18 St. Helen street. This move is the result of increasing business and the acceptance of a couple of New England agencies, requiring additional floor space to carry stock. The company will hereafter be in a position to make a good display of the various lines of underwear, gents' furnishings, tweeds and general dry goods which it always has on hand.

DRIVES IN STAPLES.

Wyld, Grasset & Darling are congratulating themselves because they have placed some exceptionally large contracts for cotton at a price they could not now be had for, on account of the firmer feeling in cottons created by the war. They have also some big drives in flannellettes.

WILL REPRESENT THE ROYAL.

The Royal Carpet Co., of Guelph, have engaged Mr. R. J. Chambers, late of the carpet department of the Robert Simpson Co., Toronto, as their eastern representative.

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