

WALSH & LEFORT, of Montreal, jobbers in jewelry and fancy goods, have assigned. Their liabilities are moderate in amount, and are principally due in Paris, and to their bankers.

MR. D. FENWICK, watchmaker, for the past seven years an employee of Messrs. Fowler & Co., St. Catharines, Ont., opens out a watch-making and jewelry establishment at Niagara Falls, Ont., on 1st of this month.

MR. FRED CHINNECK, the well-known Jeweler, of Napanee, has recently enlarged and refitted his establishment, and can now boast of having one of the handsomest and best appointed shops east of Toronto. "THE TRADER" wishes him continued prosperity.

MESSRS. PARK & SMITH, Jewelers, of Wingham, have recently dissolved, J. R. Smith retiring. The business will in future be continued by Mr. H. Park, the practical partner of the late firm, under whose management we think it will not be allowed to deteriorate any. We wish him success.

THE ILLINOIS WATCH CO. are making great improvements in their line of watches, and promise very soon to be a formidable rival to their older competitors. Their movements are well finished and their time-keeping qualities have been such as to make them favourites wherever they have been tried.

By a sad accident, Mr. J. P. Beall, of the Montreal house of Beall, Ross & Co., met his death on Monday last. Jumping from a train in motion at Whitby, he rebounded from the snow-drift and was struck by a projection of the car, sustaining injuries to the spine from which he died in a few hours.

JOHN W. FRASER, Jeweler, of Milton, Ont., has made an assignment to David Watson Campbell, of the same town, for the benefit of his creditors, and is at the same time, we understand, trying to make a compromise. Fraser appears to have confessed judgment for a considerable amount to one of his principal creditors, which action, although it may give him the winning hand in the present deal, will permanently injure his credit. This is another illustration of the beauty of the present chaotic system of being without an Insolvent Act.

"THE TRADER" last week received a gilt edged invitation to attend the wedding of Mr. Moses Cochenhalter, Jeweler, of Montreal, to Miss Hattie Workman, of the same city. Stamps being scarce we were compelled to decline the invitation with thanks, but we sincerely wish Moses all the happiness incident to the occasion, just the same as if we had been able to put in an appearance.

A LUCKY ESCAPE.—Mr. E. Culverhouse's jewelry store was entered by burglars a few weeks ago. The safe door was blown out about two inches, not sufficiently, however, to allow the burglars to get any of the valuables out of the safe. We trust Mr. Culverhouse may always be as fortunate, for although the loss of a safe is bad enough, it is light compared to what would have happened had the burglars succeeded in getting it open.

THE Dominion revenue for January shows a falling off of about half a million dollars from that of the corresponding month last year.

The principal cause is the decrease in imports, and consequently in Customs receipts, which only amounted to \$1,235,000, as against \$1,611,000 in January, 1883. This is a good sign for the future, as the evil of over-importation is the principal cause of the present financial stringency.

WHAT'S IN A NAME.—J. D. Rutherford, jeweler, Colborne Ont., had a set of jewelry stolen from him worth \$38. It is said that a lady highly connected in the village, and a prominent member of the church, had been examining his stock, but suspicion did not attach to her. Others were suspected, but a chain of circumstantial evidence led to the certain conclusion that the lady in question was the guilty party. Mr. Rutherford refused to prosecute, preferring to believe it a case of kleptomania.

THE WALTHAM WATCH CO. have recently reduced the price of the watch movements of their manufacture, and the indications are that all the other companies will be compelled to follow suit in the near future. Of late years the watch manufacturers have been masters of the situation as the demand has been in excess of the supply. Now, however, that dull times have come on, the demand has decreased so much that the supply is now in excess of the requirements of the country. As we pointed out last summer in an editorial article, this trade like all others, obeying the laws of supply and demand, was bound to reduce as soon as dullness in trade set in. We do not look upon this reduction as any aid to business however, for as a rule the country is most prosperous when goods are high and people have plenty of money to pay for them.

THE KLEISER CASE AGAIN.—After passing through the devious ways of litigation from the Police Court to the Common Pleas division, the Kleiser-Matheson case was decided at Osgoode Hall last month. Matheson, it will be remembered, was a devotee at the shrine of *faro*, and in an all night session he succeeded in getting ahead of his opponent, Mr. S. P. Kleiser, to the extent of \$37. When cited before P. M. Denison, Matheson was mulcted in the sum of £50 for gratifying his sporting proclivities. The conviction was based on a statute passed when George III. was king. Mr. Bigelow, the defendant's counsel, held that this relic of antique legislation was *ultra vires*. The Court held differently, and Col. Denison did not concur in Mr. Bigelow's opinion that the Police Magistrate had no jurisdiction. The case was appealed and the other day Chief Justice Wilson and Justice Galt delivered judgment. Their Lordships held that while the statute was perfectly valid, it provided that £50 penalty should be recovered by civil process. The Magistrate had therefore no jurisdiction in the case and it was accordingly quashed.

RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY.—William C. Fox, jeweler, King Street, Toronto, was arraigned at the Police Court on the 2nd Feby., on a charge of receiving stolen property. There were three informations against him, to all of which he pleaded not guilty, and elected to be tried summarily. The first charge entered into

was that of receiving a seal cape, the property of W. A. Foster, knowing it to have been stolen. Mr. Foster testified to the theft of the article from his premises on the 22nd of last December, and Detectives Newhall and Hodgins testified to recovering the property in the prisoner's house, No. 193½ Yonge St. The defence was that it was sent there by prisoner's mother, who keeps a second-hand store on York street without his knowledge. Fox's brother was put into the witness box. He swore that he placed the article in his brother's premises. He did not tell him that he had done so. His mother had sent him. Witness knew that the fur had been stolen and so did his mother when she bought it. The Magistrate inflicted a light penalty, only committing the prisoner to jail for twenty days. In the other two charges the prisoner withdrew his pleas of not guilty and similar sentences were passed on him, the terms to run concurrently.

A DARING ATTEMPT AT BURGLARY IN TORONTO.—Full information of the attempted burglary of Kent Bros' jewelry establishment on Tuesday night, 31st January, discloses the fact that the attempted entrance was from the roof of the building. The thieves gained access to the roof by means of a ladder, taken from an adjoining yard, which they placed on the north side of the building. They first broke a pane of glass in the rear skylight over the upper show-room, but found their entrance barred by a stout grating which they could not displace. They then went forward to the ventilator over the front part of the building, and after inserting the jimmy which they had in their possession forced the iron rivets of the fastenings and opened the door. Here again they were foiled, for directly under the doorway and over the mouth of the ventilator are powerful iron bars, so secured as to defy their efforts. About this time they must have received some cause of alarm, as the state of the surroundings as seen in the morning gave evidence of a hurried departure. Leaving the door as they had forced it, they betook themselves to the rear of the roof and jumped from it to that of the adjoining building on the south side, from which they made their final descent. The ladder was found in the morning and returned to the owner. The building occupied by Kent Bros. is a new one, specially built for the purpose, and a more safely guarded establishment it would be difficult to imagine. The windows other than those facing Yonge street are all strongly barred with iron fastenings which are built in with the brickwork, and outside of this is an equally strong iron door.

WORKSHOP NOTES.

TO GRIND GLASS.—A fine mat surface on glass may be produced by grinding the surface on a wooden wheel with wet silver sand.

GOOD MUCILAGE.—A tenacious mucilage for labels, suitable for bottles or glass, may be prepared by soaking glue in strong vinegar, then heat to boiling and add flour. This is very adhesive, and will not decompose when kept in wide-mouthed bottles.