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A COMPANY has been formed in St. Thomas, Ont., for the manufacture of monuments from what is known as "White Bronze." Two manufactories of the kind are already in existence, one at Bridgeport, Conn., and the other at Detroit, which have been very successful. That to be started at St. Thomas is intended to supply the Canadian market. The nominal capital is placed at \$500,000, but only some \$50,000 will be paid up at once. The factory will be in the old Ermatinger and Casey blocks, which the company are purchasing. The upper storeys of the block will be rented by them to smaller manufacturers, together with power, which they will be able to supply by means of a 20-horse power engine placed on the premises. Already an oil-cloth manufactory and several other industries are spoken of as likely to avail themselves of the facilities offered by the company.

THE GRAND CENTRAL Hotel Co., of St. Thomas, Ont., have recently had some of the unpleasant experiences incidental to hotel keeping. Messrs. Brownell & Currier, both Americans, opened the hotel with great éclat some months ago. It was sumptuously furnished, and for a time very well kept, proving a boon to the travelling community. It soon transpired that the lessees brought no capital

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with them, save the deposit they put up to secure the lease, which is also said to have been borrowed. They supplied the furniture over and above that supplied by the Co., as well as the general supplies for running the hotel, on credit, which soon fell below par. They were shortly sued right and left, and the company distrained for the rent. This brought on a crisis. The rent was paid, but the creditors sold the lessees' furniture under execution, and it was bought in on behalf of the execution creditors, who subsequently removed it from the house, thereby virtually closing the hostelry. It is supposed that the house will be rented in a few days. It was doing an excellent business; the temporary closing has caused great inconvenience to the numerous boarders who were turned out into the street.

WAS IT A MISTAKE?—Much has been said and written about the foibles and sinful practices of the commercial traveller, otherwise called "the drummer." The traveller is the growth of this fast age; without him the car of commerce would creak slowly along. As a rule, he is not ostentatiously bashful; one of his strongest points is his great love of truth,—he is never known to go beyond actual facts,

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except in the matter of excessive baggage. It has been said that the chief aim of the traveller is to sell goods, tell anecdotes, and circulate the latest slang phrase; but we fancy travellers, not unlike other classes, enumerate all grades of moral (?) character, and after a little local incident that occurred the other evening we are tempted to wonder if the chief aim of the commercial emissary may not even sometimes be to jump a board-bill. One of the prettiest domestic scenes ever witnessed by the writer was that of a "Commercial" taking leave of his up-town boarding-house in this city for a very indefinite period. He had often left the house before, but this time he was not certain of returning, and the unique, tender farewell of that "commercial" will long be remembered by his kind hostess and her fair daughter. Unfortunately, perhaps, for him, a couple of friends accompanied him