

NEW PRESIDENT OF DRY GOODS ASSOCIATION.

MR. JAMES RODGER, who has been chosen by the Montreal Dry Goods Association as president for the ensuing year, has been for many years connected with the firm of Gault Bros., in that city. As a young man he began business with Thomas May & Co., Montreal, wholesale milliners and fancy goods merchants. He spent about three years there before entering the Gault Bros. house. Twenty-eight years ago he became connected with the latter firm, and has since devoted his energies to the advancement of its interests. Some six or seven years ago he was admitted to membership in the firm, and subsequently became a director. He is now the director of the financial part of the concern, and is well known among bankers and business men as a shrewd as well as a strictly upright financier.

Mr. Rodger is a man who has never courted popularity, and his disposition is decidedly reserved. Politics have never interested him much, and he has never taken part in them. He is a deeply religious man, and, outside of the demands which such a large business naturally makes on anyone, he has occupied himself in forwarding the work of the church to which he belongs, and in which he is an elder. A native of Montreal, but of Scotch parentage, Mr. Rodger represents a type not too frequently met with. His business has not eaten up his soul completely; and he has taken his fair share of duty to others. He has always been fond of sport, and is an enthusiastic curler. He is still under middle age, and shows no tokens of abating strength. The firm with which he is specially connected, and the trade at large, it is to be hoped, can count on the advantage of his business ability for years to come.



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A LETTER FROM LIEUT.-COL. OTTER.

Lieut.-Col. Otter, commanding the first Canadian contingent, has written in the kindest terms to Mr. Lockhart, of the Lockhart Bedding Co., Montreal, on the subject of a sleeping bag which this patriotic firm donated to him before his departure.

This is the same kind of bag as is used by sportsmen when camping out, and superseded entirely the use of blankets.

A fac-simile of this sleeping bag is now on exhibition in Mr. Lockhart's bedding store, corner St. Catherine and Victoria streets.

NEW HAT FIRM.

A new hat firm, The Anderson & Macbeth Co., Limited, has just been organized for the wholesale hat, cap and straw goods business in Canada, and now occupy the warehouse at 58 Bay street, Toronto. This firm is composed of Mr. George Anderson, who has been for 22 years in the hat business in this

country, and is well known to the trade, and Mr. Macbeth, who has had large experience in the hat business in the United States. The firm will handle English, American and Canadian goods, and believe that when their travelers go out January 1 for the Spring trade they will show the most attractive range of novelties ever shown in hats in this country. The buyer has just returned from New York with the latest Spring styles. A line of hats for young men, natty and attractive, is proving one of their special leaders.

JUDGMENT IN MR. CORISTINE'S FAVOR.

Judgment was rendered in the Court of Appeal in Montreal on December 21 in the celebrated case of Hawes vs. Coristine.

Action was taken by Elizabeth Hawes, widow of Thomas J. Coristine, for the recovery of \$68,000 claimed by her as her late husband's share in the firm of James Coristine & Co., of which firm he was a partner up to the date of his death in 1897. The surviving partner, James Coristine, claims that his brother had no interest in the capital of the firm, having withdrawn his small share of the profits from time to time during his lifetime. Expert evidence was secured by both parties to the case, which was tried in the Superior Court in 1898. Judgment was given in favor of Elizabeth Hawes for \$13,988. This judgment was appealed from, and in the Court of Appeal was reversed, the court holding that there was absolutely no grounds for the claim. Mr. James Coristine thus emerges victorious, with his honor and integrity completely vindicated.

It is interesting to note that the attorney of Elizabeth Hawes, who had absolute control of her estate, is now under arrest, being accused by her of having defrauded her of a very large amount. The case is now before the courts.

Mr. James Coristine is president of the well-known firm of James Coristine & Co., Limited, Montreal.

NEW SHIRT AND COLLAR MANUFACTORY.

Montreal has a new shirt and collar manufacturing firm. The Empire Manufacturing Co., Limited, have lately started operations on Craig street. The company's offices are commodious, and the prospects are that a very successful business will be carried on. They are manufacturers of shirts, collars, cuffs and boys' blouses, and make a specialty of high-grade lines. They invite the trade to inspect their samples before placing orders.

Mr. George A. Thorpe, of The G. A. Thorpe Manufacturing Co., is at present in New York selecting goods for Fall, 1900.