discount, has found it to work remarkably well, it being rarely the case that longer time is asked for. Remittances since the 1st of January have been im-

proving with some.

Not many houses that we hear of bought as largely as in former years of Christmas Cards. The consequence is that some are sold out, not a card left. The stock of Christmas Cards, in Canada, held by both the wholesale and retail houses is light to what it was last year, especially of good ones.

It is the same of most holiday goods.

TORONTO.—The retail business in Toronto during the holidays was up to the average, not more so. Those, however, whe specially catered for Christmas customers, provided good and useful novelties, did a very good trade. Books were bought pretty freely; and in good Christmas toys a larger business was done than ever before.

Pusiness Changes.

Burns, J. A. London, Books and Stationery, Sheriff in possession. Buller, Alfred, Toronto, Books and Stationery, Sold out to R. G. Alexander. Brush, C. E. & Brother, Toronto, Fancy goods, Assigned. Brown, R. D. Norwich, Fancy Goods and Music, Failed and left. Bremner Brothers, Charlottetown, Stationery, Closed up. Devlin, J. W. Toronto, Books, Sold out to Alex. Brown. Dickenson & Cranston, Woodstock, Books and Stationery, Offering 66 cents on the dollar. Dominion Paper Co, Kingsey Falls, Paper Mills, Partially burned. Hall, M. H. Woodstock, Stationery, Partially burned. Imrie, John, Toronto, Printer, admitted D. L. Graham as partner, Style now Imrie & Graham. Lovelace, A. E. Essex Centre, Publisher, Stock advertised for sale under mortgage. McNeill, Duncan, Port Elgin, Books and Stationery, Removing to Paisley. McMoran, R. W. Paisley, Books and Stationery, Sold out to M. A. Clark. Mitchell, S. E. Pembroke, Books and Stationery, Compromised at 75c. Opponheimer, S. Montreal, Books and Stationery,

Assigned.

Robinson, T. H. Orillia, Books and Fancy Goods, Assigned.

Ray, C. W. & Bro. Hamilton, Books and Fancy Goods, Selling out.

Scott, E. H. Moosejaw, Stationery and Drugs, Sheriff in possession.

Stern, Samuel, Toronto, Wholesale Fancy Goods, Assigned.

Wells, J. E. Moosejaw, Publisher, Sold out to J. H. Ross.

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