

GENERAL AND PERSONAL NOTES.

J. S. Rogerson, until quite recently one of Guelph's dry goods merchants, died suddenly on July 9th of heart failure.

The Quebec Worsted Company, at whose works the terrible boiler explosion occurred a short time ago, has gone into liquidation.

The dry goods stock of D. Sinclair, Alvinston, Ont., was sold on June 26th to Mr. Druggan, of Oil Springs, at 66 cents on the dollar.

The dry goods and gents furnishing business of James Ellard & Co., New Westminster B. C., is advertised to be sold by tender on July 15th.

The Clinton Woolen Manufacturing Company has already bought over 200,000 pounds of wool this season at prices ranging from 23 to 28 cents.

After a short cessation of operations for repairs the matting factory at Cobourg, Ont., is again in full swing and orders are coming in satisfactorily.

Henderson's woolen Mill at Thorold Ont., is to be started up again very soon, an outfit of new machinery, wool-cleaners etc. being now introduced.

C. S. Botsford, the well-known dry goods merchant, of Toronto, sailed from New York on June 24th, to make his purchases in the European markets.

The plant and machinery of the Hare Point Worsted factory, Quebec, were sold by auction on June 25th, to Mr. Paton of Sherbrooke, for \$15,000.

R. Munroe of Montreal, and Andrew Lawrie of Forest, Ont., have entered into partnership as manufacturers and traders in white wear, under the name of the McNab Manufacturing Co.

The Lion's Gate Woolen Manufacturing Company is being organized at Vancouver B. C., with a capital stock of \$200,000 for the purpose of erecting mills and manufacturing woolen fabrics.

The gas jet in one of the millinery windows of Cope & Young's dry goods store, Vancouver, B. C., set fire to the goods displayed therein on June 20th, and caused damage to the extent of \$250.

Under the new management the Moncton N. B. Cotton Mill has been running steadily and is now turning out very superior goods. About \$12,000 worth of new machinery has recently been purchased, some of it from Upper Canadian mills.

On Sunday night, July 5th, the dry goods store of Mr. Galvin, Arnprior, Ont., was burglarized. The safe was blown open and \$125 in cash and several silver watches carried off. No arrests.

The shareholders of the Dundas cotton mills have abandoned the estate and will lose everything so that the bondholders will have to sell to save themselves. The sale will likely take place within the next six months.

The partnership hitherto existing between William Agnew and John McGillivray, who did business in Montreal as wholesale dry goods merchants, under the firm name of Agnew, McGillivray & Co., has been dissolved.

The dry goods stock of Thorne & Co., Hamilton, Ont., valued at \$23,846, was sold by auction at Suckling & Co.'s, Toronto, on July 10th, to Campbell & Pentecost, of Hamilton, at 64 cents on the dollar. The dry goods trade all over Canada was represented at the sale. The bidding started at 40 cents.

Consequent upon their increasing business, the enterprising firm of C. Ross & Co., dry goods merchants, Ottawa, are to make extensive alterations and improvements to their establishment, at the corner of Sparks and Metcalfe streets, including the latest improved elevator for the convenience of their numerous patrons.

Women are quite as often deceived by high-priced goods as by the bargain counter. An importer tells of having sold for \$7.50 a yard a piece of sealskin plush to a retailer, who promptly cut it into three pieces and marked them respectively \$10, \$12 and \$14. The

highest priced lot sold first, and the retailer at once bought another whole piece, marked it \$14, and sold it out before the \$10 lot was gone.

A gas jet caused a fire in Maclean & Mitchell's dry goods store, 240 Yonge Street, Toronto, on the night of June 24th, resulting in about \$500 damages.

S. Carsley, the enterprising dry goods merchant, of Montreal, has purchased the property adjoining the Molsons Bank for the purpose of extending his premises through to St. James Street. The alterations will be made either this autumn or early next season in time for the spring trade.

Miss Pauline Bowes, daughter of R. J. Bowes, dry goods merchant, Kingston, Ont., was awarded a gold medal at the recent closing exercises of Loretto Abbey, Toronto, for christian doctrine. The young lady also distinguished herself by taking first place in French, music, and drawing in water colors.

John Wilson, representative for Clark's Mile-End Spool Cotton for the States of Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska, is spending his holiday vacation among his friends in Toronto. The change of climate seems to have had a beneficial effect as he looks well and has attained a corporation of aldermanic proportions.

Notice is given of the formation of the new firm of John McGillivray & Co., Montreal. Mr. McGillivray has long been a central figure in the dry goods trade and is known on both sides of the Atlantic. It is understood Mr. F. L. Barlow, bookkeeper to the late firm, will assume charge of the office with an interest.

Robert L. Roome, superintendent of the millinery department of Murdochs' Nephews, Halifax, N. S. was married on July 2nd to Maria, second daughter of Ald. Mosher. The clerks at Murdochs' Nephews presented the groom with a handsome dinner set, and the travelers of the establishment sent a plush easy chair. The presents were very numerous.

On July 1st a fashionable wedding took place at Chatham, Ont., on the lawn of the residence of Hooper King, when Arthur R. Kingsmill, dry goods merchant, London, Ont., and Jennie, eldest daughter of Mr. King, were married, under the spreading branches of an oak, by Rev. Mr. Annis. The groom was assisted by his brother Henry, and the bridesmaids were six sisters of the bride.

At a meeting of the Dry Goods Section of the Montreal Board of Trade on July 16th, a committee was appointed in accordance with the annual custom, to arrange with the different railway companies for special rates for those taking part in the fall excursion of retail dealers to the city. The remainder of the meeting was taken up with a discussion of the terms of credit and other subjects connected with the business interests of the members of the section.

John W. Drynan, the popular defence player of the Toronto lacrosse team, left for Europe on June 29th, where he will spend a couple of years in thoroughly grounding himself in the dry goods business. On the evening of the 23rd, the employees of W. A. Murray & Co., entertained him to a farewell supper at McConkey's restaurant. James P. Murray made a capital chairman and a most enjoyable evening was spent in toast, song, and sentiment.

Two burglars named Kay and Weston have each been sentenced to five years imprisonment for breaking into Goldstein's clothing store in Winnipeg recently. Their depredations amounted to \$1,200 and consisted of three hats, nine overcoats, one serge coat and vest, several suits of silk underwear, twenty-four dozen silk handkerchiefs, a number of neckties, one waterproof coat, fifteen pairs of pants, and a quantity of jewelry. The till was also broken into and \$10.75 taken.

The head of a New York collection agency says the large dry goods firms are frequently swindled by wealthy women who run up accounts and then refuse to pay for them. Two firms lost \$15,000 in this way. The women were all wives of wealthy men, and some of them had property of their own. In many instances judgments were obtained against them, but they kept out of the way of the Deputy Sheriffs and could not be served with the orders