

It has been brought to light by the compilers of that really wonderful work, Kelly's Post Office Directory, that the removals in the city of London amount to one in ten annually. Thus the entire population of London changes houses every ten years.

Among the new wholesale houses of this city is that of Hyslop, Cornell & Co., who have removed hither from Hamilton. They have secured premises on Front street, between Yonge and Bay, where they will show a stock of millinery and fancy goods.

We observe with interest that the *Scottish Banking and Insurance Magazine*, of Edinburgh, one of our valued exchanges, has changed its name as well as its form and comes out in improved shape as the *British Economist*. There is room for plain speaking in commercial matters in these days and the *Economist* will do its share.

A WELL-KNOWN Montreal merchant, Mr. Sam. Waddell, principal of the firm of S. Waddell & Co., metal and railway supply dealers, died last week, at the age of 54 years, from hemorrhage of the lungs. Deceased, who had been a successful merchant, came from London, Ont., when quite a young man, and was for some years in the employ of Frothingham & Workman.

The Manitoulin *Expositor* makes the claim for Killarney, Ont., that it "is one of the most important ports on the Georgian Bay route." At any rate, the value of its exports for last year footed up to nearly \$50,000, as follows: 3,000 bushels blueberries, \$5,000; 100 barrels cranberries, \$700; 800 tons fresh fish (including Squaw Island), \$35,000; 1,500 half barrels salt fish, \$5,000; fur, \$1,500.

The new and handsome warehouse, No. 61 Bay street, near the corner of Wellington, in this city, has this week been occupied by Messrs. Bryce, McMurrich & Co., the well known wholesale dry goods importers. This house, while one of the oldest in the Dominion, shows a disposition to keep pace with the modern march of events, a proof of which is found in the present removal from premises they so long occupied on Yonge street, but which were no longer adapted for their requirements. The new premises form a light airy, and spacious warehouse, with four flats. The whole front is of plate glass; the ceilings—of wood instead of plaster—are lofty, the stairways and hoists are of carved oak and the passenger and freight elevators the best of their kind. The warehouse is heated throughout by steam and is in every way well adapted not only to show the stock to best advantage, but to handle merchandise and to minister to

the comfort and convenience of customers. On the ground floor are found, prints, cottons and linen staples, domestic and imported. The first floor is devoted to dress goods, woollens, tweeds and cloths. Third flat, small wares and hosiery. Fourth flat, surplus stock. The basement contains the entering and packing rooms. Everywhere is abundance of light, all modern conveniences are supplied. Spring importations are coming rapidly to hand and by the middle of the month a complete stock will be offered to view.

It was scarcely to be expected that so striking a front could be made without complete rebuilding, as has been done in the case of Davidson & Hay's wholesale grocery warehouse on Yonge street, recently ravaged by fire, and to which the firm has just removed. By the use of tiles and encaustic decoration the building's exterior is made to look better than ever before. And inside, the improvement is very marked in light and in apparent floor space. To the right of the entrance is the counting house; left, the sample room and private office, the wood-work of both being Norway pine, stained and varnished, which gives a pleasing and unusual effect. Speaking tubes connect these with the packing room and shipping department. The extent of the premises deserves remark: it is L shaped, 187 feet from east to west by 40 feet in width, and at the back 80 feet from north to south. There is cellarage under it all, and there are four floors. On the ground floor a

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