



**THE HAMPDEN WATCH COMPANY** have issued a pamphlet to the Canadian trade regarding the outcome of their action against The American Waltham Watch Company and the Webster C. Ball Co. of Cleveland, Ohio. An interference suit was commenced in the United States Patent Office by the Hampden Watch Company to prevent the defendants from using the trade mark "Railway" on watches sold in the United States. This was commenced about a year ago, and during its investigation a great deal of evidence was presented regarding the origin and priority of the trade mark under dispute. According to this pamphlet the Patent Office has decided the matter in favor of the Hampden Watch Company, and given them the exclusive use to this name upon watch movements in the United States. The defendant companies are allowed one month in which to appeal against this decision.

**A MARVELLOUS ESCAPE.** Ernest Jupp, the nine-year-old son of ex-Mayor Jupp, the well-known jeweler of Orillia, Ont., had a marvellous escape from drowning about ten days ago. He went with a younger brother to the race track to fetch home the family cow. While there one of his duties was to pump water for the animal. In doing so a board covering the well broke, letting the lad drop to the bottom some twenty feet, where he was up to his shoulders in mud and water. Pluckily pulling himself out he slowly wormed his way to the top and was just within reach of safety when his support again gave way, and he landed once more at the bottom. Nothing daunted the little hero once more started for the top, and after a hard climb succeeded in dragging himself out of the well. In the meantime the younger lad had gone for assistance, who on arrival met the mud-covered youngster making for home little the worse for his tumble.

**THE South African war** crawls along very slowly, having degenerated practically into a guerilla warfare. In spite of this, however, there has been considerable fighting in a small way, scattered over a very large expanse of territory, the net result of which has been the capture by General Hunter of nearly 5,000 Free State Boers under the command of General Prinsloo. At the present time of writing it looks as though the war would drag along for some little time yet, although the final collapse might come almost any day in spite of appearances to the contrary. The Boers are getting weaker every day and it must be only a question of weeks or perhaps days now, when they will be cornered and forced to surrender. Then will come the hardest job of all, the pacification of the country and the healing up of old sores. The British may, however, be credited with tact and experience enough to be able to do this effectually and with the least possible friction.

**A QUIET KICK.**—Canadian railroad employees appear to be particularly on the protest and kick during this hot summer weather as anyone can see by the constant rumors of strikes and other evidences of unrest. The latest rumor indicates that the trainmen employed by the two big Canadian railroads are not well pleased with an order issued recently by the authorities regarding their watches. The men some time ago were compelled to purchase high grade watches, and it is understood they must get them cleaned and regulated at a certain time by authority of the company. They claim that on the G.T.R. they are compelled to have them cleaned and regulated by a certain firm every eight months at a cost of \$1.50, while on the C.P.R. the order is have it done every eight months at a cost of \$2. The men don't complain about getting their watches attended to, but they do object to a law compelling them to take them to a certain individual and pay what he demands. In other words they want free trade and competition in watch cleaning.

**CASTING THE BELLS.** The bells for the great City Hall clock of Toronto were cast last month at the foundry of Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, West Croyden, England, and the occasion was considered of sufficient importance to bring together quite a fashionable and distinguished audience. Speaking of the casting of the great bell the London *Daily Graphic* gives the following interesting information concerning this monster clock and its bells and says: "The bell in question is one of three which are being cast for the great clock tower of the new Municipal buildings in Toronto. The clock faces will be

twenty-nine feet in diameter. The bells will strike the quarters in B flat and E flat; they will chime the hour in the octave B flat, and their weights are respectively eighteen hundredweight twenty-seven hundredweight and something over five tons, for it must be noted that the deeper the note the bigger the bell. The biggest bell of all stands complete and embossed with the names of all Toronto's aldermen and most of the members of the Municipal Council, as well as with the inscription: Victoria Regina et Imperatrice, Anno Regni LXII. In laudem glorieque Dei Est Consecrata Hæc Campana."

**DEATH OF MR. ALBERT J. FLINT.**—Just as we go to press an Associated Press despatch from Montreal announces the death of Mr. A. J. Flint, formerly city editor of the *Montreal Witness* and for many years special Montreal correspondent of *THE TRADER*. Mr. Flint was well known to the jewelry trade of Montreal on account of his connection with his journal, and up to the time when illness compelled him to remove from that city he was always a regular and welcome visitor amongst them. For some time past he had been compelled to live amongst the Adirondack Mountains, and his death took place at his residence at Jay, N.Y. Mr. Flint was well known in Toronto, having served in the Queen's Own Rifles during the Northwest rebellion, and held the rank of sergeant in the corps. He practiced law for some years at the Ontario bar, but accepted a position on the editorial staff of *The Witness* in the autumn of 1889. He soon became known as an agreeable writer, and as being accurate as to facts, securing the confidence of his employers, by whom his merits were fully recognized. An unfortunate attack of lung trouble, with consumptive symptoms, obliged him in 1896 to abandon a promising journalistic career.

**READ IT.**—Any of our readers who take the trouble to peruse the striking advertisement of the Canadian Horological Institute, must be impressed with the facts therein stated, that the demand for first-class journeymen watchmakers trained at this institute is so great that they are totally unable to keep pace with the demand. As Mr. Playtner states, every student who graduates from his institute has an opening waiting for him as soon as he is ready to take it, and the fact that the demand for his graduates far exceeds the supply, is proof positive that they are what the best trade has been looking for in years past. Another startling fact is that a large number of the students are Americans, who consider that the Canadian Horological Institute is the best on the continent, and consequently attend it in preference to any American Institute. This is one of the greatest compliments that could be paid to any Canadian college, and we are sure that it is well deserved by this case. In the Canadian Horological Institute, the jewelers of the Dominion have an institution that is not only doing good work for the trade, but one that they should be very proud of as it has brought credit to the Canadian trade generally as well as to its founder.

**FORTY YEARS IN THE BUSINESS.**—On the ninth of August Mr. Savage, the well-known retail jeweler of Guelph, Ont., celebrated the fortieth anniversary of his apprenticeship to the jewelry business. Mr. Savage was born in Guelph, and after receiving his education at the Common and Grammar Schools of that city, entered his father's store in order to learn the business of watchmaking and jewelry. Since that day forty years ago, Mr. Savage has devoted his entire time and talents to the carrying on of the jewelry business in the same stand, first as apprentice, then as salesman, then manager, and finally succeeding his father as proprietor. The name of "Savage" in connection with the jewelry and watch business has become a household word in Wellington County, and both the founder of the business and the present proprietor have made it a synonym for integrity and fair dealing. Mr. Savage comes from a line or family of watchmakers. His great grandmother, whose husband was killed in one of the French wars, worked at watchmaking. His grandfather was an English clockmaker, while his father, the late David Savage, was an English lever watch escapement maker in Clerkenwell, London, E.C., while his son, Albert, who has shown a decided talent for watchwork, is his present watch repairer.