

Business Notes and Comments.

R. & T. BISSETT, dealers in hardware and tins, have sold out their Hensall business.

W. CORBETT & Co., dealers in stoves and tins, Kingston, have called a meeting of their creditors.

Mr. H. A. FIELD, the well known and respected hardware merchant of Brockville, Ont., is dead.

G. R. HANNAH, hardware dealer, of Shelburne, who called a meeting of his creditors in August, has since been attached.

MR. C. POTTS, hardware and tins, Palmerston, has effected a compromise with his creditors, at 60 cents on the dollar.

JOHN RISON, hardware and tins, has sold out his branch store at Dutton.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. C. WILCOX, jeweler, of Markdale, has been burnt out.

HENRY MORGAN, manufacturers' agent, of Toronto, was killed while crossing the railroad track on the Esplanade in this city. He was a member of the Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada, and highly esteemed by all who knew him.

WM. BRYAN, dealer in tins, etc., late of Whitby, has removed his business to Newmarket.

HENRY BROWN, the well known hardware merchant, of St. Thomas, had his store burned last week, loss heavy.

The writ of attachment issued against S. WILCOCK, wholesale jeweler, of Toronto, has been set aside.

In our business notes of last month the name of the firm of P. W. ELLIS & Co. was by some mistake printed P. W. Ellis & Bro.

JOSEPH ROBINSON, grocer, Woodstock, has had a writ of attachment served upon him. He went into the jewelry trade about three years ago, in addition to his regular business, but not being a practical man, it does not seem to have been a success.

JOSEPH NEVEAUX & Bro., Windsor, hardware merchants, have dissolved partnership, Joseph retiring from the business. The business will be carried on as heretofore by the remaining brother.

"THE GIBSON MANUFACTURING CO.," of Mitchell, Ont., manufacturers of safes, etc., have come to grief and their effects sold at auction. Very ugly rumors are in circulation in the village regarding the action of some of the prominent stockholders. A searching investigation ought to be made into the management of the concern, which should have paid a handsome dividend.

W. MARTINEAU, show case maker, of Toronto, has failed to the tune of about \$4,000. He commenced business some years ago with a cash capital of nearly \$10,000, but has succeeded in making a

failure on account of want of practical knowledge of the business, and selling goods to irresponsible parties on credit. His stock was sold by auction last week.

H. BLOCK, wholesale and retail jeweler, Toronto, has been offering his entire stock of jewelry and plated ware by auction at Wakefield & Co.'s for the past month. It is said that he intends retiring from the Canadian trade and commencing business in New York.

The well known firm of JONES BROS., general dealers, Port Perry, have admitted Mr. George Abbs as a partner into their business. The firm will now be carried on under the style of V. M. Jones & Co.

The Government seem bound to collect all the revenue from dutiable goods they possibly can, and make hay while the sun shines. They have notified the wholesale trade that American plated ware coming into Canada will be charged extra duty on any reduction they may buy at below 40 and 5 per cent. from the manufacturers' list.

COOLICAN & PICHETTE, dealers in fancy goods, Quebec, failed last year, and their estate passed into the hands of an assignee, who now makes a final accounting, shewing the proceeds of all available assets to be \$428.39. Out of this sum are deducted the expenses connected with winding up the estate, \$427.22, leaving the gross sum of \$1.17 to be divided amongst creditors whose claims amount to about \$10,000.

A. S. MURRAY & Co., jewelers, London, offer a splendid gold watch, valued at \$30, to the best scholar in Middlesex, to be competed for at the Northern Fair Examination.

An encouraging yield of gold is reported from the Rose Company's mine at Montague, N.S. A brick of gold is shewn, weighing over 397 ounces, valued at about \$7,600. It is said to be the product of the work of fourteen men for a month. The first crushing from the lead yielded two and one-half ounces to the ton, the second five ounces, and the third (the present) seven ounces. This company has in three months produced 586 ounces of gold, worth upwards of \$11,000, and the cost of production is given at about \$2,000.

Although we hear a great deal about the prosperity of St. John's, New Brunswick, they seem to have business troubles there as elsewhere. F. L. Lewin, hardware merchant, has given a bill of sale on his stock for \$1,700. Several other transactions of a similar kind in other branches of business are reported from the same quarter.

THE QUESTION OF SPOONS.—We were shewn the other day a sample of the new "Sheffield Sterling" table spoon that had been in use in a Toronto kitchen for over six months, and had evidently been subjected to the roughest kind of usage, as

the point of the bowl was completely worn away. The spoon was unusually white and silver-like in appearance, and fully justified the manufacturers' guarantee that they are the best substitute for sterling silver of any metal goods now in use.

DELEGATION TO OTTAWA.—The importers of electro-plated ware in Toronto have been dissatisfied for some time past with the way in which the Customs Department have levied their duties upon these goods, and on Monday last deputed Mr. W. K. McNaught and Mr. George Chillias, of this city, to proceed to Ottawa and lay before the Ministers of Finance and Customs their views upon the subject. These gentlemen, when in Ottawa had a very satisfactory interview with Sir Leonard Tilley and the Hon. McKenzie Bowell, who promised to take into consideration the injustice under which they are at present laboring.

ST. THOMAS claims to have the best China Hall of Canada, being represented in that line by Mr. N. Webb. Mr. Webb is a young merchant of great energy and business ability, and has built up a large trade by studying the wants of his customers. His store is not surpassed in any city in Canada either in extent or variety of goods, and is certainly a credit to St. Thomas.

CANADIANS IN AUSTRALIA.—We received by last mail several papers from New Zealand and Australia, all of which contain very flattering encomiums upon an old resident of Toronto, Mr. Donald D. Manson. Mr. Manson was formerly known to the hardware and jewelry trade of Canada as traveller for the firm of R. Wilkes, of Toronto, but last year was engaged by the celebrated Waltham Watch Company as their foreign traveller, and is now representing them at the Sydney Exposition. Mr. Manson is a gentleman of great business capacity, and his gentlemanly bearing has won for him a host of friends wherever he has been called by business. His many friends in this country will be pleased to hear of his success.

PRESENTATION.—On Thursday last Mr. J. M. Withrow, the energetic President of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition, was presented by the exhibitors with a very handsome service of plate (tea set and tray) in recognition of his very valuable services in connection with the late Exhibition. The service was from the factory of the celebrated "Graham Silver Company," and was imported specially for the occasion by Messrs. Zimmerman, McNaught & Co., of this city.

—"Prisoner at the bar," said the Judge, "is there any thing you wish to say before sentence is passed upon you?" The prisoner looked toward the deacon and remarked that he would like to say "good evening," if it was agreeable to the company.