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ON Sunday last, Mr. John McDougall, one of the best known iron founders in Montreal, died at Viewbank, Maisonneuve, after a lingering illness.

MR. B. E. WALKER, general manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, has left Toronto for Europe. It is understood that he will be away four months, and that his vacation will be spent largely in Italy.

THE voters of Brantford defeated the by-law to raise \$11,000 to provide a municipal plant for electric lighting. But the *Expositor* boasts that they now get the cheapest electric light of any other city in Canada. The rate is 23½ cents per light per night, all night, instead of 35 cents.—*St. Thomas Jour.*

THE firm of Patterson & Corbin, street car builders at St. Catharines, are now turning out what are known as "vestibule electric cars," which are a novelty, almost a copy in miniature of a railway car, for use on electric railways. They have begun the enlargement of their works, which are to be made one-half as large again as at present. Among the work which this firm has on hand are four open electric cars for the Niagara Falls road, five for West Toronto Junction, and six for Brantford. They are handsome and well-appointed vehicles.

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AFTER some experience in retail hardware selling in Toronto, James Dickson grew tired of it, or thought he could do better as a jobber. So he began the jobbing trade in June of last year. But evidently he has been unsuccessful, for he now finds that his liabilities equal his assets. Consequently he assigns to Campbell & May.

THE shoe manufacturing firm of Lenoir & Frere, Montreal, whose failure we noted last week, are seeking a settlement on the basis of 20 cents on the dollar.—H. Prevost & Co., dry goods, also reported failed last week, offer their creditors 35 cents on the dollar.—A small dealer in fish, produce, &c., named Chas. Duncan, is reported away. He owes about \$1,000 or \$1,200, and there is little or nothing in the way of assets.

We learn that the firm of F. W. Beach & Co., who started a furniture business at Iroquois, Ont., about a year ago, have assigned, and Mr. B. is reported as having left the town. Liabilities are comparatively light.—Thomas Sherman, a tailor of the same town, who began business under rather favorable auspices about the same time, is also reported in embarrassed shape. He bought out the business of E. McNulty, with the assistance of friends, and being a good workman his prospects were considered good.

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ARRANGEMENTS have been made, according to a paragraph in the *Advertiser* of London, Eng., for the amalgamation of the old and well-known silk and dry goods business of Leaf and Company (Limited), Old Change, with Pawson and Company (Limited), St. Paul's-church-yard, and that, subject to the usual formalities, the new board will consist of the present directors of Pawson and Company (Limited) and Messrs. William B. Leaf, George H. Leaf and Arthur H. Leaf. We learn further that a change in methods accompanies the change stated. It is this: all the Messrs. Leaf's travelers now in Canada will be withdrawn and business will be conducted on Pawson's lines; that is, no travelers in Canada, and business confined to the wholesale dry goods only. Mr. B. Millicamp, of Bay street, will, we are informed, be sole agent for the house in Canada.

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