

TRADE CHAT.

MISS E. MURPHY of Wingham has sold out her millinery and mantle business to Miss Minnie Kelly of Guelph. Miss Murphy was quite successful in her business and one who appreciated THE REVIEW.

A wincey mill is to be opened in Brantford at an early date.

It is said the umbrella manufacturers of the United States have combined with a capital of \$8,000,000.

Benjamin R. Heaslip, dry goods merchant, Port Hope, has assigned to Charles Langley, of this city.

The Kastigouche Spool Company, operating at Jacquet River, N.B., has assigned to Messrs. W. G. Jones and W. A. Mott.

Among the successful tenderers for supplies for the Indian Department the W. E. Sanford Manufacturing Company, Hamilton, has a place.

Mr. Robert Clark, the clothier on Carrol street, Vancouver, B.C., was married on Monday, the 23rd ult., to Miss Frankie Gilmore, late of Chicago.

Isaac C. Gilmor, a very old resident of Toronto, who as early as 1850 had a large dry goods house on Yonge street, is very ill at his residence, 324 Jarvis Street.

The Port Elgin Woollen mills began operations again at the first of this month. William Read has been absent in the States purchasing machinery for the new mill.

The dry goods stock of J. S. Earle & Co., of Watford, was disposed of at auction to Dr. McLeay, of Watford, at 60c. on the dollar. The stock was valued at \$6,800.

Mr. T. H. Pratt has retired from the firm of McAulay, Pratt & Co., and will now be able to give more time to municipal matters, in which he takes a lively interest.

Thompson & Vahey's tailoring and gents' furnishing store, Sarnia, Ont., was damaged by fire on 22nd ult. The loss will probably run \$2,000, fully covered by insurance.

On the 22nd ult. a large fire occurred in Kingsmill's dry goods establishment, London. The loss from smoke and water amongst the millinery and fine goods is about \$30,000. Well insured.

On John J. Eaton's suit against J. H. New & Co., for judgment for \$4,062, Mr. Winchester on 7th inst., reserved judgment. It is probable that the case will have to go to the Assizes to settle the question of partnership.

The American House of Representatives has passed the Freewool Bill, the Cotton Ties Bill, and the Tariff Bill, which places on the free list bagging and machinery for its manufacture. These bills will give the manufacturers a chance to secure cheaper raw products.

Henry Barber, the Front street assignee, has been appointed by the court receiver in the estate of J. H. Multy, dry goods merchant, of Trenton. The debtor died the other day, and his widow made a composition offer of 30c. on the dollar, which was refused by the creditors. The business will now be wound up.

H. O. Bennett, of E. R. C. Clarkson's actuarial firm, announced on May 30th, that all the difficulties surrounding the administration of Ed. McKeown's insolvent estate had been satisfactorily straightened out, and being now ready for closing, the dividends would at once be paid to the general creditors. The employees of Edward McKeown have issued a writ against the assignees of the estate for wages due at the time of the failure.

A dry goods store in New York last summer tried the experiment of giving soda water to its patrons free. An enormous fountain well equipped for service, was placed in the back part of the store, and on each hot day half a dozen attendants were kept busy serving a clamorous, thirsty, and never-diminishing crowd. One day upward of seven thousand glasses of soda water were drawn from that free fountain. This year the firm charges three cents a glass for its soda water, and as a result the patronage has fallen off to a remarkable

extent. On the two very hot days a fortnight ago, although the large store was well filled with customers, the soda fountain at no time was overworked.

On the evening of May 25th a brisk and dangerous fire started in the show windows of the dry goods store of Messrs. Hebert & Bazinet, 1064 Ontario street, Montreal, and in a few seconds the whole front of the store was a mass of flame. The loss will be about \$3,000, covered by insurance, and would have been far larger only for the quick work of No. 2 salvage corps, who spread 22 covers over part of the stock, thus saving it from damage by water.

The employees of James A. Ogilvy & Sons, of Montreal, have presented Mr. John Ogilvy, the junior member of the firm, with an address and a very handsome and costly silver tea service as a token of their esteem and best wishes on the occasion of his approaching marriage. Mr. Ogilvy, though taken quite aback, replied in very suitable terms, after which the enjoyable process of "bouncing" was gone through and singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

At the time of his death Mr. W. A. Murray, Toronto, had a \$10,000 policy in the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company. This amount he willed in the policy to his first wife, Mrs. Jane Murray, or, in the event of her death, to her children. One of these, Isabella Murray, was the first wife of Mr. Hugh J. Macdonald. She died leaving children, and a friendly suit has been entered in the courts to decide whether or not her children are entitled to any share of the policy.

Mr. E. Havelock Walsh, of Millichamp, Coyle & Co., was presented with a testimonial in the shape of a very handsome case of fruit knives and forks on the occasion of his severing his connection with that firm. Mr. Walsh has been with the firm for the past two years, and during that time his genial disposition has won for him the esteem and good will of his fellow employees, and with his exceptional energy and general ability has done much to further the interests of his late employers, and to cause by his departure their sincere regret.

A destructive fire took place on the 7th inst. on the premises occupied by Miss N. Tousignant, millinery and dress goods, and Joseph Lafond, tailor, corner of Mignonne and St. Lawrences main street, Montreal. The inflammable nature of the materials gave the fire a good start of the firemen, and the entire first and second floors of the building, which extend back about 130 feet, were soon a mass of blaze. The building was gutted front to rear. The fire originated by the igniting of a curtain. One of the employees, Miss Lefebvre, in trying to put out the blaze, had both her hands badly burned. The value of the stock was \$35,000, insured in the Commercial Union and the London Globe for \$15,000.

The dry goods section of the Toronto Board of Trade met last Thursday in the council-room of the Board of Trade. Mr. Stapleton Caldecott, president of the section, occupied the chair. After routine matters had been discussed Mr. Patteson, postmaster, was introduced, and held a long conference with the section about a fast mail service to New York. The dry goods section have been complaining lately of the bad service, as a letter must be posted on Monday at 10 p.m. to reach New York in time, to catch the English mail on Wednesday. Mr. Patteson explained that the delay could not be placed at the door of the postal authorities. The trouble was altogether with the railway companies, as the trains carrying the mails do not make the proper connections. He suggested that an effort should be made to arrange a direct service to New York. The section proceeded to pass a hearty vote of thanks to Sir Oliver Mowat for some much needed legislation on the chattel mortgage law introduced and passed last session. The section then adjourned till the second week of September.

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