r in the hardware house of Frothingham kman, president of Molson's Bank, and Sun Life Assurance Co., and a director ernor of many other institutions. In the s responsible positions to which he was he won the confidence of the public and eem of those with whom he was officially ted, and his wealth and influence were ult of decided talents judiciously ap

w weeks ago we had occasion to draw on to the failure of Graham & Foster ods dealers at Smith's Falls, and is rable features, which called forth a adverse criticism ; but in the case d as Boggess & Co., dealers in carpets and furnishings at Hamilton, just failed, are apparently worse features, which oubtless call for some very strong action part of creditors. The firm has always well reported by the agencies, being worth \$15,000 to \$18,000; it was mil they bought largely for cash, and that 's note would be readily taken for large nts. In spite of this the firm has just with liabilities of \$50,000, and assets at to the amount of only \$16,000. From pearances, and the evidence so far of le, it would seem that preparations had studiously made for a grand "scoop." 's real estate has been sold, goods in quahave been disposed of in auction rooms, Irs. B. has gone to England, bearing with her the proceeds, as it is presum steps will likely be taken in the matter t yet decided on, but from the character ne of the houses most largely interested altogether likely they will be di ent, uncompromising character.

OBER the fourth was a sort of reckoning ith not a few Ontario traders, and it ot expected that all of them would pas deal safely. Amongst those whose failur precipitated by this or other cause the following: In Hamilton, W ton, jr., in the house-furnishing line, ven place to a bailiff, who is enforcing ndlord's claim for rent.-J. A. Sloss tioner at Milton, has failed. ---- Theprenot the first financial embarrassm which W. F. Martin, dry goods dealer st homas, has fallen. He shows equi and liabilities of \$5,000 .--- Losses by n two occasions in a business career d en years has, no doubt, been instrumehindering F. A. Campbell, general trader elburne, from reaching the golden round

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Along with this might be placed his endorsation for an Orangeville firm, which failed. Mr. Campbell may yet make his present assignment "a stepping stone to better things."-The Whiton Manufacturing Company in this city has, it is said, been left in the lurch by its owner, F. J. Prior, who, if the chronicles be true, is now in New York, and not likely to return .---- Even butchers sometimes fail, and a well-known name, W. O. Britton, in St. Lawrence Market here, must beplaced on the list as showing that this department of trade is not exempt from the ups and downs of fortune.

FORTUNATELY one does not hear so much of supply accounts these days, but now and then the records disclose the fact that so-and-so was a supply account of so-and-so, and was laid low when the latter failed. Such is the case with F. B. Duffett, of this city, who stood in the above relation to the late firm of W. J. McMaster & Co. Buying back the stock of dry goods, he commenced again in his wife's name, but only to fail a second time .---- The profits made by Thos. Cole in his variety store at Ridgetown were reputed to be large, and when it is remembered that he claimed the comfortable surplus of \$3,000 so recently as August last, it is puzzling to account for the assignment just made by him .---- Some men are slow pay because they haven't, all times, the wherewithal at command. Others have



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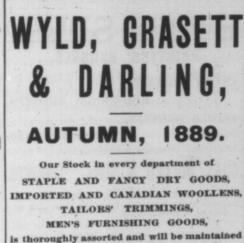
company with the mighty dollar. James A. Ouellette, a Chatham grocer, is said to have always suffered from an affliction of this kind, but it is charitable to suppose, now that he has assigned, that luck, was "agin" him, and that he would have paid if he could .---- It does not follow that because Mr. Hunter, of Belleville, saw fit to trade under the taking title of the Hunter Cash Tea Store that he had an abundance of that metal. Perhaps he was a hunter after cash by means of tea, and that he didn't secure it is the reason for his present failure. ----Succeeding his former employer in 1884, W. A. Telfer, druggist, at Collingwood, has now assigned.-So has Jos. Vanstone, a marble dealer at Kincardine, who, previously, stood well financially .----- Ill-health, keen com-petition, poor business capacity, and failure have to be written opposite the name of Wm. C. Jewett, general store keeper, at Kinmount.

## Correspondence.

"MERCHANTS' DAY" IN CANADA.

Editor MONETARY TIMES : SIR,-I desire to make a suggestion in regard

to a matter which seems to me of importance to merchants in business centres in Canada, s well as to their customers in country parts. In London, Manchester, and Glasgow, there is every week during the selling season what they call "Merchants' Day." On that day the English and Scotch railways give to their passengers extremely low rates, with the result



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of an unusual influx of merchants to these sities. You have heard also of the "Mer-chants' Week" in Boston.

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Why should not the railways centreing in Toronto assist to make a Merchants' Day here? Say that they make special rates for merchant passengers once a week or once a fortnight at certain seasons of the year. This city is par-ticularly well placed for an assorting point, and the merchants here carry the necessary variety of goods to make it such. But if Mont-real or other eiting doing to the season of real or other cities desire similar accommoda tion, let them move for it.

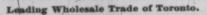
It would be a good thing to bring principals of houses into contact with their customers. It would be a help to lessen the heavy expense of sending commercial travellers on their assorting trips. And it would be an advan-tage to the retail dealer, in enabling him to buy "little and often" from personal inspec-The advantages to the railways are tion. obvious.

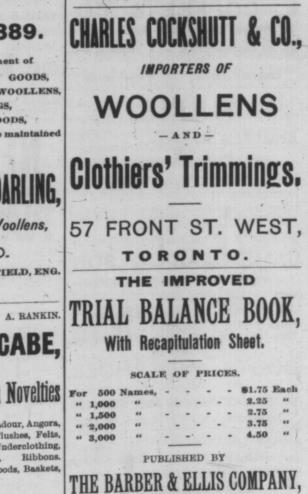
What I suggest is that a committee of the Toronto Board of Trade take hold of this matter, and in association with the Citizens' Committee, make application to the railways, to see whether they will arrange for such a Merchants' Day as other cities have. I feel convinced that much good might be done for the country and city trade by such meeting together as it would give opportunity for. Yours truly, THOS. DUNNET.

## HER LITTLE GAME.

Mrs. Gall (in dry goods store)—I wish, if you please, that you'd give me samples of six or seven different patterns in Surah silks, and a few samples of colored velvet; a friend of a few samples of colored velvet; a friend of mine would like them; and I'd like a sample of this green India silk. I want a dress of some kind and—a sample of this figured silk, too, and one of this pink satin. Thanks. I'll decide soon about the dress.

Mrs. Gall (outside the store)—One, two, three, five, eight, eleven, fifteen—nineteen perfectly lovely samples in all! Six or seven more as large as these will make a whole block for my new crazy quilt. I'll go around to Ribbon & Linnen's and get them before I go home.— Drake's Magazine.





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