

THE FIRM OF DREW BROTHERS jewelers, of Orillia, who have lately been in difficulties, have succeeded in making a settlement with their creditors by a composition at 60 cents on the dollar, secured, the Insolvents paying all the costs of the insolvency. The firm will be carried on in future by M. C. Drew, his brother John C. Drew retiring from it altogether. The business has been a good one in the past, and if Mr. Drew is careful he ought to have but little difficulty in pulling through on this settlement.

At a meeting of the Jewelry and Hardware Trades held in Toronto last month, to consider the injustice of the present tariff, some very pertinent speeches were made by gentlemen whose political views are, or rather, have been in accordance with the Government. A great deal of dissatisfaction was expressed at the way the tariff is interpreted by the customs department, and the general feeling of the meeting seemed to be that if a more liberal spirit were manifested by the Government it would do them no harm. Messrs. Lee and Robinson were appointed a deputation to visit Ottawa and urge the claims of importers upon the Ministers of Finance and Customs. The result of their visit has not yet been ascertained, but the probability is that it will not effect any decided benefit. The only thing that can benefit the importers, and which in justice they are entitled to, is to be allowed to pass their goods at the prices at which they are bought. Any discretionary additions must smack of tyranny, and help to confirm the now prevalent idea that the present Government is run by the Manufacturer's Association.

Business Changes for March.

ASSIGNED.—Della Torre & Co., wholesale fancy goods, Toronto and Montreal; T. Crevier, hardware and tinsmith, Montreal, Que.; Chas. W. Willmot, hardware, Toronto; R. W. Ross, jeweler, Walkerton; Chas. Glassco, tinsmith, Brantford; James Glass, hardware, Belleville.

OTHER CHANGES.—M. & L. Samuel, wholesale hardware, Toronto, style now M. & L. Samuel, Benjamin & Co.; H. Tasker, dollar store, Toronto, selling out by auction; T. N. Zimmerman, jeweler, Hamilton, sold out; Henry Lear, jeweler, Simcoe, selling out; Eaton & Black, hardware, Truro, N.S., dissolved, Cyrus Eaton continues; L. Phinney, tinsmith, Richibucto, N. B., dead; John Story, tinsmith, Goderich, burned out; John Welsh, jeweler, Stratford, burned out; L. B. Warnica, jeweler, Barrie, burned out; Jos. Neveux, hardware, Windsor, Ont., Jos. Neveux, dead; J. H. Compton, jeweler, Barrie, about leaving for Manitoba; A. & W. Johnston, hardware, Barrie, removing to Orangeville; Chas. Lilley, hardware, London East, sold out to W. Westman, of London; L. & Gallee Crispin, dissolved L. Gallee continues.

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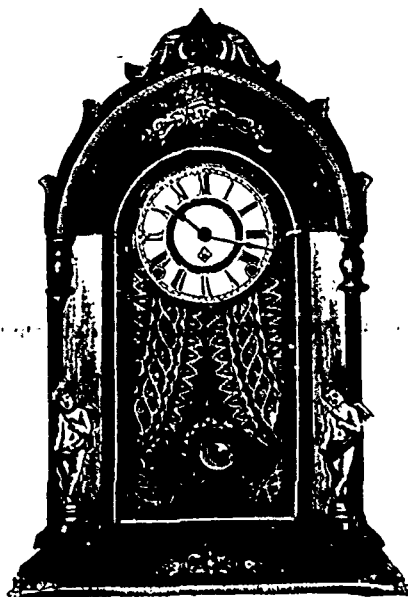
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