

GENERAL AND PERSONAL NOTES.



A LITTLE son of W. H. Trebilcock, dry goods merchant, London, Ont., had an almost miraculous escape from death on Oct. 20th. The little one climbed over the skylight railing in the store, and fell through a pane of glass to the ground floor, over fifteen feet below. Had he alighted directly on the floor he would probably have been killed, but fortunately his body curved sideways, and he first fell on a pile of goods on the counter. Beyond a severe shaking up the boy was all right.

A Craig has opened a men's furnishing store in the Begbie block, New Westminster, B.C.

Z. Paquet, the well-known dry goods merchant of Joseph street, Quebec, has moved into his new seven-storey stone front store.

Wm. Sanderson, who has been working at the dry goods business in Brockville, has accepted a position in Walsh & Steacy's store, Kingston, Ont.

A number of dry goods clerks, in Montreal, are getting up a petition to the City council asking for the passing of a by-law closing dry goods stores at 6 p.m.

The Etherington Carpet Co., of Paris, Ont., have leased the old Cowper furniture factory premises in Dundas, Ont., and are to remove to their new location in a few weeks.

The new additions which have been made to the St. Catharines Cotton Batting Factory have been completed, and operations have been resumed with an additional staff of help.

Customs officer Brown, of Amherstburg, Ont., some days ago seized a lot of dry goods and clothing from a peddler named Totten, upon whom a fine of \$260 was imposed and paid.

The cotton mill at Montreal, owned by the Chambly Cotton Company for the past two years, has been purchased by the Dominion Cotton Mills Company and will resume operations.

A serious fire broke out early Sunday morning, Nov. 1st, in the Hochelaga Cotton Mills, but was fortunately stamped out before more than \$30,000 damage was done, which is covered by insurance.

An addition of one storey is being built to J. M. Garland's, wholesale dry goods warehouse, Ottawa, Ont., which will be the entire length of the lower floor. It will be extended back about forty feet.

Mann, Byars & Co., of Glasgow, Scotland, wholesale and retail dry goods merchants, have established an agency in Winnipeg, Man., under the charge of Walter Henson, late of Geo. H. Rogers & Co.

Much sympathy has been expressed towards A. F. Banfield, dry goods merchant, Winnipeg, Man., on the death of his wife on Nov. 4. The deceased lady was well known and highly esteemed both in Winnipeg and Quebec city.

Carlisle Bros., St. Catharines, Ont., are selling off their stock of dry goods and are to remove opposite to their present store. They are going into carpets, curtains, furniture coverings, brass for upholstery trimmings, and house furnishings.

W. H. Wyman and C. J. Brown, of St. John's, Que.; Ira Dimock, of Hartford, Conn.; B. A. Armstrong, New London, Conn., and S. Porter, of Florence, Mass., are seeking incorporation as the Corticelli Silk Company, limited, with a capital of \$60,000, and headquarters at St. John's, Que.

A. J. Gorham, head clerk in the dry goods establishment of Peter McSweeney, Moncton, N.B., was on Oct. 21st married to Mary E. Fisher, daughter of Mrs. McSweeney. Mr. Gorham is one of Moncton's best known and popular young men, and the happy couple were the recipients of many valuable presents.

A busy place is the establishment of Bryson, Graham & Co., Ottawa. They deal in dry goods, woollens, fancy goods, books and stationery, groceries, &c. The interior is divided into departments

such as ladies' underwear, men's furnishings, dress goods, woollens, &c., &c., and each has its own cash service. They do an immense business, which is not surprising, as both partners are the right stamp of men full of energy and enterprise.

At the instance of Garneau & Son, dry goods merchants, of Quebec, Jacob Gagne, of Rimouski, has been arrested, charged with fraudulently making away with his estate. Gagne has made an assignment showing liabilities of \$20,000 and assets \$25,000.

A motion to insure the release of Walter J. Cohn, of New York, has been dismissed in Toronto. Carscallen & Cahill, of Hamilton, hold claims for collection amounting to \$30,000, and as a result of the judgment Cohn will have to stay in jail in Berlin until he settles up satisfactorily. The total liabilities of his firm are over \$100,000. Cohn laid in \$70,000 stock of clothing at a branch store in Pueblo, Cal., and that also was disposed of without the knowledge of his creditors, who have about \$5,000 worth of assets to console them. He admitted having shipped a lot of his stock to New Orleans.

Among the latest arrivals in Canada is said to be Rice Wright, the originator of what is known in the States as the short term clothing swindle. The Philadelphia papers state that this enterprising individual is endeavoring to establish a short term clothing store in Toronto. As far as could be learned Mr. Wright has not commenced operations as yet. The idea was to organize a society or order on a clothing basis. Branches of this society had been organized in different cities in the United States, Philadelphia being the centre. It is thought that when he skipped from the States he did not take less than \$150,000 with him. Several warrants are out for him in Philadelphia.

The long-standing failure of Boyd Bros., wholesale dry goods merchants, Toronto, which occurred in the early spring, is a good way off from settlement yet. John Ferguson, the assignee, has been inundated with inquiries as to the present position of affairs, and states that at the time of the assignment the direct and indirect claim of the Merchants' Bank, was about \$125,000, secured by accounts and bills receivable. This amount has now been reduced by collections and other means to about \$8,000, and it is expected a surplus will be realized by the bank after payment of their claim. The contested claim of George Boyd, sen., who asks to rank for a debt of \$21,000 is still in abeyance. The trustee hopes to be able to make the announcement of a final dividend at the beginning of next year.

The Moncton (N.B.) Transcript is responsible for the following:—A bashful young man who has been calling on a town young lady for quite a long time and could never summon up courage enough to pop the question, was making his regular call one night last week, and, as usual, occupied the dark parlor with the object of his admiration. Not a sound was heard from the pair until ten o'clock, when a shriek like the whistle of a Delaware ferry-boat issued from the gloomy depths of the parlor. The father of the house rushed in and turning up the gas found the young man with his arm around the girl's waist. Making the best of a bad situation, he immediately told his feelings to the old gentleman, and the engagement was closed. The young man was for a long time at a loss to know whence the tell-tale shriek originated. He afterwards learned, however, that his future wife wore a recently patented electric corset provided by her father, which when pressed sounded the alarm.

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