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L. E. N. Pratte,

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is necessary to the successful keeping of a family grocery, and that it is better for some people to limit themselves to a bowing acquaintanceship with such articles as are put up in red, blue and green boxes, which formed a conspicuous feature of the area in front of what is considered one of the best stands in that rapidly growing business thoroughfare during Mr. Urquhart's occupation of the premises. Of all traders, he who keeps a family grocery in town or village should be continually on the alert to buy to advantage.

At this time look out for showers of Calendars. Among the first fruits of the season those issued by the Queen and the Imperial Insurance companies rank high as works of art. For our own part, although glad of these compliments of the season, we think a large advertisement in the *JOURNAL OF COMMERCE* cannot be surpassed by any calendar.

EVERYBODY is out shopping, busy making purchases for the dear ones, and for those to whom the kind deed as well as the kind word is especially a God-send. Of this giving during

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the annual season of joy and gladness, it may truly be said that it blesteth them that give and them that take. But gentle people go and buy: do not expect the storekeeper to give his goods away because he has made a trifle of profit by your dealing with him.

G. Buos. Campbellford, write as follows, date Dec. 18: "Gents,—Enclosed please find four dollars to cover subscription on *JOURNAL OF COMMERCE* for years 1880 and 1881.—We have been somewhat dilatory in sending in our subscription but hope this will square it off all right. We find in the *JOURNAL* quite a lot of information useful to us in our business the more so since you have added the 'Toronto Markets.' Thanks, gentlemen.

In the last table of the article on Cotton Trade and Manufacturing in last week's issue, for "Middling fair cotton," read "Middling Cotton." We await some further government statistics ere continuing the series of articles and replying to some letters on the subject.

A FINE iron bridge has just been finished by the G.T.R. Company over the Thames at Mitchell. The superstructure is about 100 feet long and was imported from England, the whole structure including the abutments costing from \$12,000 to \$14,000.

MR NELSON BUSBIN, bookseller, Mitchell, Ont., has disposed of his stock to Mr. Thomas Shurly, formerly of Orangeville and speaks of going to the great North West. Mr. J. J. Powell of Mitchell has removed to Toronto and is about to open a grocery store in Church street. Mr. James Watson, formerly of Hibbert, is about to open a grocery in Mitchell. A "colored" man is an aspirant for municipal honors in Stratford. He is desirous of representing Romeo Ward at the Council Board. A correspondent remarks: "might he not, with

propriety be called the dark horse"? The other candidates do not favor his election.

On dit that the petition forwarded from Gosferich, asking that the mails be not delayed so long at Stratford has been favorably viewed by the Government and that the request is about to be complied with.

ILLUSTRATIONS have recently been furnished in this Province of the folly of men giving up avocations to which they have been accustomed for years, and embarking in lines of business which they do not understand and are not adapted for. Joseph A. Brault, insolvent general store keeper, at St. Augustine, in the County of Two Mountains, Quebec, was formerly a storeman in this city, having worked in several St. Paul street houses; a year or two ago the idea of proprietorship and profits prevailed with him, and without much calculation he opened a small store in St. Augustine. Having but little capital, and as much business qualification, he was not destined to succeed, especially if, as is reported, he devoted a great part of his time and attention to amateur veterinary practice; accordingly he was obliged a few days ago to assign to a couple of wholesale dry goods firms in this city. A meeting of creditors followed, and, among other things, they discovered that Brault had disposed of a part of his stock,—a lot of general hardware—besides promissory notes amounting to \$172, to a Montreal wholesale firm a few days before. It appears that Brault recently visited the firm in question and acquainted them of his financial condition; he exhibited the promissory notes, which the firm, it is alleged, at once appropriated as collateral security, and also persuaded Brault, by promising to exchange it for new goods, to send them his stock of hardware. The other creditors regard this as rather