



1. "Mind, dah! Brutus."



2. "Pull 'im in!"



3. "Well done! try again."



4. "Gracious me! that must 'ave been a dawg fish!"

## GENERAL AND PERSONAL NOTES.

Smith & Co.'s shoddy mill Toronto, was almost destroyed by fire on May 23rd. The loss was about \$7,000.

W. B. Parr of Brockville, Ont., has accepted a position as boss dryer with the Globe Woollen Co. of Utica, N. Y.

The wholesale clothing establishment of G. F. Burnett & Co., 572 Craig street Montreal, was visited by the fire fiend on Sunday May 31st, resulting in a loss estimated at \$35,000, insured to the extent of \$32,000.

Among the successful tenderers for supplies to the Northwest Indians are J. M. Garland, dry goods, Ottawa, and the Rosamond Woollen Company, Almonte Ontario.

Cree, Scott & Co., shirt and collar manufacturers, Montreal, have made a judicial abandonment of their estate to the Merchants Bank. The bank is the principal creditor and is interested to the extent of \$15,346.

A Frenchman has patented a corset with whistle attachment, especially for young ladies. When pressure is applied from the outside it shrieks loudly. The inventor, who must be a simple-minded man, is just now wondering why his corset doesn't sell.

On May 20th, the men's furnishing store of Joseph Patterson, 165 Yonge street, Toronto, was damaged by fire to the extent of about \$2,000. Band boxes caught fire from a burning gas jet and caused the trouble.

People who are always on the hunt for something cheap very often get "left." Several business men of Windsor, Ont., were recently victimized by a shoddy peddler whose mode of operating was

not original. He pretended that he was a tailor on his way to Toledo and had hardly enough money to carry him to his destination. But he had a couple of pieces of cloth which he was taking with him and as he could not pay the duty he would sell the cloth cheap. In nearly every case the bait took as the cloth looked very gaudy, but it turned out to be the worst kind of shoddy.

W. H. Argles, bookkeeper for John Macdonald & Co., Toronto, was on May 21st presented by his fellow employees with a handsome polished oak dining room suite, on the occasion of his marriage.

Henry Brown, of the dry goods firm of Brown & White, of Vancouver and Victoria, B. C., died on May 15, from the grippe. He was greatly esteemed in business circles and was an ardent Mason being a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Grand Secretary at the time of his death.

Fred. W. Watkins, of Pratt & Watkins, dry goods merchants, Hamilton, Ont., has been appointed by the International Committee as a delegate to the twelfth annual conference of the Young Men's Christian Association of all lands, to be held in Amsterdam, Holland, Aug. 12th to 16th.

The firm of G. Lewis & Co., dry goods importers and manufacturers agents, of Montreal, have assigned. The direct liabilities amount to about \$30,000, due almost entirely to foreign creditors. The Bank of British North America is a creditor to the extent of \$18,316. The firm some months ago purchased the business of the American Jersey and Cloak Co., and claim that their embarrassment is due to losses sustained through this purchase.

Toronto lost one of her oldest citizens on June 3rd by the death of Thomas Lally, J. P. Mr. Lally was the founder of the wholesale clothing house of Lally, Watson & Co. and retired from the business in 1885 after making a comfortable fortune. He was a native of

London, England, and settled in Toronto in 1832, always taking an active interest in the advancement and progress of the city. He was a prominent capitalist, being at the time of his death a member of the Board of Governors and Treasurer of McMaster University. He was also President of the Standard Publishing Company, having succeeded the late Senator McMaster. He leaves two sons and four daughters.

A German paper states that Dr. Lechner of Augsburg, has solved the problem of manufacturing artificial silk which cannot be distinguished from the real article. A limited company is shortly to be formed to work the invention.

Speaking of the Toronto Dry Goods Clerks Association excursion on the 25th of May, Grip says: "Notwithstanding the counter attractions elsewhere, the excursion of the Dry Goods Association to Hamilton on the 25th was well attended. The participants went by train, although one might suppose salespeople would naturally prefer the water. You would verge in vain for a jollier party and what with the display of dress goods and the gents' furnishings there were very few plain figures in the party. When the candy butcher passed through the cars he did a tremendous business in peanuts and lollipops, the gentlemen of the party effecting a complete clearance of his stock, and spending cash in a way that did them credit. Hamilton was at length reached without accident and its varied points of interest duly marked down. Some of the excursionists who had expected to see a city like Toronto were of course, sold, but the people there were very courteous and assured them it was no trouble to show the goods. When the day's programme was completed, and the usual question of the salesladies, 'will there be anything else?' had been answered in the negative, the party re-embarked for home—quick returns being the motto of the dry goods trade."