

THE LEADING WHOLESALE TRADE OF  
HAMILTON.

1870. EARLY SPRING SHIPMENTS. 1870.

THE SUBSCRIBERS HAVE RECEIVED A CONSIDERABLE PORTION OF THEIR  
**EARLY SHIPMENTS,**

AND HAVE PLEASURE IN INFORMING THEIR  
CUSTOMERS AND THE TRADE GENERALLY,

THAT ON AND AFTER

The 10th of March,

THEY WILL BE

PREPARED TO SHOW A FULLY ASSORTED STOCK  
OF

BRITISH AND FOREIGN  
STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS,

TOGETHER WITH  
MOST ATTRACTIVE STOCKS

OF  
**CANADIAN TWEEDS,**

AND  
American Manufactures.

Shipments will be received by  
WEEKLY STEAMERS, THROUGHOUT THE SEASON.

THEY INVITE EARLY INSPECTION,

SPECIALLY BY

Those who can buy for Cash, or at shortened terms of  
credit.

**BUCHANANS, BINNY & MCKENZIE,**

HAMILTON, Ont., 1st March, 1870.

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MANUFACTURERS.

HAMILTON, ONT.,

THIS FIRM MANUFACTURES THE CELEBRATED

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SHUTTLE SEWING MACHINE,

WHICH HAS ALL

THE LATEST IMPROVEMENTS.

AND IS SOLD AT

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MALT WHISKIES.

MALT FOR BREWERS,

AND

"TEA ROSE" FLOUR.

**THOMAS LAILEY & Co.,**

IMPORTERS

AND

MANUFACTURERS

OF

READY-MADE

CLOTHING.

WAREHOUSE:

11 WELLINGTON STREET WEST,

TORONTO.

**Mercantile Summary.**

THE liabilities of Smith Bros., grocers, of this city, whose failure has already been announced, are very serious; many of the banks figure among the list of creditors. The assets are believed to be but trifling.

Much ado has been made by two or three journals about reported seizures by the Customs authorities of this city. It has been foolishly stated that the city press is hushed. The incident which, no doubt, gave rise to the report is the seizure of about twenty packages of dry goods imported by N. & F. Rooney, of this city, the value of which goods is about \$7,000. It is charged that the seized packages contained goods that were not enumerated in the invoices, and of a much more valuable kind than those shown by

the invoices. The warehouse occupied by the firm was also seized, but nothing further was ascertained by an examination of the premises. The packages seized have been confiscated, and will be sold some time during the present month. Another firm has been in a somewhat similar difficulty, but explanations were given which it is thought may yet prove satisfactory; we therefore withhold their name. It is to be hoped that the parties implicated, if fully convicted, will be made to understand, once for all, and in the most practical kind of way, that this style of plundering will not be tolerated in any degree, or from any quarter. If it were, it would become impossible for a merchant who honestly pays his duties and his debts to live; the example, too, is of the most vicious kind. Let the law be enforced, no matter whom it offends or pleases.

A CORRESPONDENT sends us the following agent "The Bankrupt of the Period:"—

"Has anybody an ambition to be a Bankrupt of the Period? Here is how it is accomplished. You get a line of credit (if you can) at three or four different houses; if more, all the merrier. You keep your head low and pay your bills for the first few years, so as to give your Toronto and Montreal friends confidence in you. As a reward of economical merit, you make money, and invest it in, we will say, three buildings; one of these is put in your brother-in-law's name, one in your mother-in-law's name, and one in your wife's name. (I forgot to stipulate that you must have a wife, it is so handy for a business man to have a wife, if anything happens.) In further justice to yourself, you now give some relative a mortgage on your shop, which puts your real estate in proper shape for the experiment. Taking your cash book—for what is the use of a cash book—you cut out of it all the business entries of past years, and use the blank part of the book for a household blotter. You spirit away the old ledger, which is somewhat thumbed, and get a new and a clean one, into which are transcribed whatever entries you need bother your head about; as for the bill book, don't be particular, so long as it contains the initials of those to whom you owe notes it will do. Cultivate all this time a cool, sleek manner, be affable and clever with all, or if you don't chance to be clever, manage to appear so—"assume a virtue if you have it not," you know. Then, as a final touch, transfer some of your merchandise into the hands of a convenient stool-pigeon, and arrange the remainder to look as worthless as possible. All that remains now to be done to make you a first-class "Bankrupt of the Period," is to call a meeting of creditors, and offer them half of whatever your reduced estate will show. This neat but not gaudy programme was followed out nearly to the letter last month by an enterprising Belleville man, who is now "waiting for the verdict."

WE propose hereafter to publish a full and thoroughly reliable account of the Lumber Trade, having perfected arrangements for that purpose. It is one of the most important branches of Canadian industry, and yet has received very little attention from the press. The past winter has, upon the whole, been rather favorable for getting out logs; the great depth of snow has extended