



It is gratifying to notice that not only have your members escaped the attentions of safe-burglars, but they have been almost as free from the loss of goods outside of the safe, which you do not undertake to protect, and *this shows the great value of your signs as a general safeguard to the whole store.*

Within the past three years a new and dangerous class of burglars, known among themselves as 'yeggs' or 'yeggmen,' have been operating very successfully, and many of them have become such adepts in the use of nitro glycerine that no country bank or ordinary jewelry safe can withstand their attacks, if they have an hour's time to do the work.

As the vault and safe robberies by these tramp burglars have been very numerous, and have covered the entire country, it is self-evident that *your members have been well protected by the display of your signs of membership*, which must have had an effect upon these 'hobo' burglars as well as upon the regular professionals.

"We desire to call your attention to the fact that the burglars who robbed the safe of the bank of Mulwonago, Wis., *respected your certificate*, which hung over the safe of Mr. Perry P. Camp, jeweler, in the same room, and left it unmolested, although it contained much more value than they obtained from the bank safe. Mr. Camp says this has happened several times now, and he feels safe as long as the certificate remains where it can be seen by the burglars.

"While it is a great satisfaction to us both, that your members escaped from loss, we regret very much to see that *other jewelers were plundered during the year for upwards of \$100,000 in value*, the greater part of which, we believe might have been saved had they become members of the Jewelers' Security Alliance.

Each additional year of experience gives us greater confidence in the value of your protection, and we feel that *no jeweler who has anything to lose should fail to join the Alliance at the earliest moment possible.*"

The experience and views of this world renowned detective are well worth heeding, and what is true of the United States in this respect is also true of Ontario, excepting that for fifteen years no jeweler in Ontario who displays the Jewelers' Security Alliance certificate of membership has been robbed through many other jewelers have, to large amounts of value.

We should think that no jeweler, large or small, in the Province of Ontario would be satisfied to get along without this certificate conspicuously displayed in his place of business, yet we understand that there are a number of even large jewelers who have not as yet provided themselves with this valuable protection.

Of course it is quite possible that they may never be robbed, with or without the Alliance, but it is surely worth while investing a few dollars a year for protection to stock and premises, such as the U. S. A. affords, and which may be the means at any time of preventing the loss of hundreds and thousands of dollars.

One of the most interesting features of the Paris Exposition is the restoration of Pompeii. Not the familiar ruins, but the living city will be represented, and arrangements are being made to have the finest spectacular performance in the world, the work is making remarkable progress.



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OUR MONTREAL LETTER.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

Everywhere men think and speak of the war to the exclusion of nearly everything else. The novel is no longer read to any great extent, because the war news is so much more interesting and so much more thrilling. Especially has this been the case since Lord Roberts began his forward march, and the way he outwitted the wily Cronje brought joy and pride to the heart of every loyal subject of Her Majesty. It was recognized that the tide had turned and that things were at last beginning to come our way. Undoubtedly too much has been made of the early defensive successes of the Boers, who, for a time, had every advantage of position, arms and men, but who, even then, were unable to take Ladysmith, Kimberly, or even plucky little Mafeking. The shell, however, of the Boer force seems now to have been broken, and it would not be wonderful to see it collapse much sooner than the most sanguine expected a few weeks ago. The placing of a force of nearly two hundred thousand men in the field six or seven thousand miles from home has been a wonderful feat, impossible for any other nation, and what the British army and people will learn from the present operations will be well worth even the heavy cost of blood and money. One of the greatest achievements of this struggle has been the strengthening of the ties that bind the colonies to the mother country, and this in itself was worth almost any price. It has brought the federation of the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic races appreciably nearer.

Mr. Edward Eaves has joined the firm of Edmund Eaves, the old established firm of jewelry jobbers, Temple Building, Montreal. Mr. Edward was formerly in the electrical business and is a graduate of McGill University.

Mr. J. B. Williamson, as a result of his business troubles, has been taken to the Protestant Hospital for the Insane at Verdun. Much sympathy is expressed for Mrs. Williamson.

Among the out-of-town retail jewelers recently in Montreal were: Messrs J. E. Hough, Avonmore, and F. T. Munro, Ont.; J. H. Wright, Sorel; A. Robertson, Maxville; J. H. Racicot, St. Johns; F. Hitchens, Beauharnois; J. A. Lachapelle, Joliette; J. Brochu, Valleyfield; Jas. McGowan, St. Martin; B. W. Allan, Huntingdon; P. T. Soucier, Vank