



out which success is impossible," was the concluding remark. Mr. HARTY Scarboro, the youthful prescription artist of the company, replied upon behalf of the employees in an oration that was as clean cut as his own handwork. He said: "You know that in the grinding department we use sponges to suck up the water from the stones; well, some workmen are like these sponges, they suck up everything that comes, but they never give anything until they are squeezed, not even honest work."

SILVER WEDDING—Mr. George Andrew, the well-known jeweler of Winnipeg, and his wife, celebrated their silver wedding last month, and the gathering of relatives and friends was one of the most enjoyable of the season, being attended by over one hundred people. The lovely home of the host and hostess was beautifully decorated with flags, roses, carnations, hyacinths, evergreens and palms, presenting a decidedly tropical appearance, while the event which was being commemorated was exemplified by a handsome bannerette, the work of one of the friends, which hung in the centre of the drawing-room, with the inscription "1875-1900." Evans' orchestra was in attendance, discoursing sweet music throughout the evening. Numerous presents of silverware attested the high esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Andrew are held. Besides being congratulated by their many friends, the happy couple were presented with the following address: "Dear Mr. and Mrs. Andrews:—The undersigned, some of your most intimate friends, feel that they cannot allow this auspicious opportunity to pass without conveying to you some idea of the high regard and esteem they bear for you. Many of us have been closely associated with you for a great number of years, some since the commencement of your married life, the silver anniversary of which we are gathered together to celebrate. Believe us that our hearts are filled with the kindest thoughts and best wishes for your future welfare, and we ask you to accept from us the accompanying slight token of our esteem and friendship, to serve as a reminder in years to come of this happy gathering." The gift which accompanied the address was a case of very handsome pearl handled knives, forks and solid silver dessert spoons, all of which were suitably engraved.

A HALIFAX JEWELRY CASE.—Our readers will doubtless remember the case of Michaels v. Michaels some months ago arising out of the failure of the firm of Levy & Michaels, of Halifax. The cause of the action was the recovery of \$10,000 evidenced by a promissory note made by Mr. A. L. Michaels in favor of his then partner, Mr. Levy, and by the latter transferred to the wife of Michaels. Mr. Levy subsequently died, and later on, before the note matured, the firm carried on by Mr. Michaels the surviving partner, failed. Mrs. Michaels thus became one of the principal creditors of her husband's insolvent estate, and she sued for the amount of the claim and was non-suited. From this decision Mrs. Michaels appealed. The question for the decision of the court was: Had this note been acquired "otherwise than through her husband?" If so the provisions of the Married Woman's Act vested in the wife the right to hold the note. The judge thought it had been acquired otherwise than through her husband and that the appeal should be allowed with costs. The Chief Justice held that under Chap. 94, Revised Statutes, and the present Married Woman's Act, while she could not under common law enter action against her husband she had power to hold, take and enjoy personal property even against her husband. He thought the same right to hold a promissory note was vested in the wife as if it were a watch. The husband could not withhold it or make it his property. Justice Townshend, in reading his judgment, affirmed that married women cannot contract with husbands. In indorsing this note Levy transferred the contract as indorsing transfers all the rights of the indorser. The indorsee becomes a partner to the contract. The note was thus involved. She could not recover. The appeal should be dismissed. Justice Meagher agreed with Justice Townshend. He thought a wife could not make a contract with her husband under the statutes. This property came in a shape involving contract. The appeal should be dismissed. The result of the above is that the appeal fails and the original decision stands.

TARIFF CHANGES.—The speech of the Hon. Mr. Fielding, Minister of Finance, delivered on the 23rd March, has been received throughout Canada with curiously different feelings, probably according to how it has hit people. To "free traders" it is but a stepping-stone on the highway to absolute free trade as they have it in England and only another proof that the ultimate goal of Canadian tariff reformers is just that and nothing else. Protectionists on the contrary, see in it a real menace to existing Canadian industries, many of which they predict will be adversely affected by this reduction of duty on English goods. They argue that so far as the loyalty of Canada goes, it has been just as clearly manifested by our former discrimination of 25% in favor of British goods as it will be with the 33% preference now proposed to take effect on the 1st of July next. They also argue that Canada's true interest demands that we shall do nothing in the way of tariff changes to cripple, but rather to strengthen our existing manufacturing industries and to induce more new ones to go into operation. Viewed from this standpoint, they say that it will not advantage Canada to admit British manufactures at a rate of duty low enough to displace the product of Canadian workshops and thus take the bread out of the mouths of Canadian artisans as this change surely will do in many lines. They hold that Canada can best serve the Empire by making herself prosperous, strong and self-reliant, and that anything that interferes with this, will work harm instead of good to this country. So far as our judgment goes, we are afraid that this last reduction on British manufactured goods will not only unsettle trade for some time, but seriously affect the output of Canadian factories in many lines which come into direct competition with them. Of course, only experience will show just how much and how many of the competing industries will be affected, and it is not improbable that the present world-wide prosperity of which we are having our share may prevent Canadians from realizing just at once how much this latest change is going to adversely affect them. But come it will sooner or later, and this country will again have to learn the lesson that even a "revenue tariff" is unsuited for the needs of Canada, and that nothing short of straight out and out protection will either hold or build up our manufacturing industries. As we said in our last issue when this change was rumored, the tariff is a bad thing to monkey with, and probably about as dangerous as the buzz saw.

DIED ON THE FIELD OF HONOR. Although the war in Africa has undoubtedly added many laurels to the Dominion of Canada whose gallant sons have proved themselves worthy descendants of the race from which they sprang, it has also a melancholy side when we think of the splendid lives which have been cut short in the service of the Empire and of liberty. One of these, Roland D. Taylor, son of Mr. E. W. Taylor, the well-known jeweler of Charlottetown, P.E.I., was amongst the killed at that gallant fight made by the Royal Canadian regiment at Modder River when Gen. Cronje and his men were brought to bay and so cornered up that they had eventually to surrender. Mr. Taylor has the sincere sympathy of the entire jewelry trade of the Dominion of Canada in his bereavement, and it may be of some consolation for him to remember in this hour of sorrow that his gallant son gave up his life in defence of justice and liberty and that his name will forever be held in loving memory by the Canadian people. The following tribute to his memory is clipped from *The Patriot*, of Charlottetown, and we are glad to give it a place in our columns: "He died fighting for his country! No more glorious epitaph can be written on the stone which marks the hero's grave. To-day it is the painful duty of *The Patriot* to give the casualty list of last Saturday's battle at the Modder River, in which the Canadian regiment were engaged. Among the killed appears the name of Private Rowland D. Taylor, of Charlottetown, P.E.I., and among the wounded are numbered Privates Lane and Wayne, of Rocky Point and Hunter River respectively. Private Taylor was the eldest son of our respected townsman, E. W. Taylor, Esq. He joined the Charlottetown Engineers nearly two years ago, and when the call came last October for volunteers for the war in South Africa, was one of the first on the Island to offer his services. Having passed the medical examination, he left in the first contin-