

settled by the Customs' Department agreeing to accept a fine from the trustees of \$6,000 and release the stock amounting to about \$42,000 to the creditors. It is said that goods to the value of \$52,000 had been smuggled in by Picard & Co. The outside creditors will likely get a dividend of twenty cents on the dollar from the estate. The stock has been purchased from the trustees by Mr. John Inglis, a former partner in the business, who will conduct the business in the future. It is said that Picard is now in Chicago running a billiard saloon.

A SENSIBLE CUSTOM.—It is now said to be the custom in England for a gentleman who is engaged to present his betrothed with three rings. The engagement rings given by Earl Cairns to Miss Adele Grant included a half hoop of diamonds, a ring set with a diamond and a ruby, and another mounted with a fine single sapphire. It's said to be an ill wind that blows nobody any good, and although this new innovation may come heavy on the bridegroom's pocket, it's a good thing for the jewelry trade. Most of our readers will hold up both hands to have it become the custom in Canada as well as in England.

THEY DO US PROUD.—We were surprised to receive another visit last month from Mr. Sherry, accompanied by Mr. Fahys, jr. of the firm of Jos. Fahys & Co., the well-known watch case manufacturers of New York. Mr. Sherry who has drummed up the Canadian trade for some years past, will in future devote his energies entirely to the U.S. and young Mr. Fahys will take the Canadian trip. Our Canadian jobbers will miss Mr. Sherry's genial smile and hearty hand shake, but it cannot be helped, and we trust his successor may be as well treated by them in the future as Mr. Sherry has been in the past.

A GOOD THING.—The new Association Price List of watch movements and cases of all kinds, has just been sent out by the Secretary of the Jobbers' Association, Mr. George Chillas. It is the best printed and most complete watch list we have ever seen in Canada, and reflects much credit on Messrs. H. H. Fudger, M. C. Ellis and Geo. Chillas, the committee appointed by the Association to compile it. As only one list is sent to each jeweler, they should take good care of them, as only enough to go round once has been printed. This list being official is a big step in the right direction.

DEATH OF DENNIS C. WILCOX.—We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. Dennis C. Wilcox, Secretary of the Meriden Britannia Co., of Meriden, Conn., U. S., and brother of Mr. Horace Wilcox, its President. The deceased was one of the most prominent business men in the United States and leaves behind him a brilliant record of successful and honorable labor. He was energetic and clear-headed in business, generous though unostentatious in his charities, genial and whole-souled in the privacy of his own family, and the inner circle of his friends. He will be much missed by those who knew him.

HOW ARE YOU, MR. ROGERS?—We had a visit last month from the Rogers Bros., of New York. Although they were not the genuine 1847, being minted in the neighborhood of '65, they are genuine sterling quality, 925 fine all the way through. We thought at first that not being in the spoon and fork business these gentlemen had mistaken their calling, but on finding that the elder brother was representing the Howard & Son button (a soft thing for a pushing fellow), and the younger one, a rising rolled-plate chain house, we changed our mind—after we had seen their order books. Glad to see you gentlemen, come again.

A CHANGE.—Few jewelry travellers are more widely known or more thoroughly liked than Mr. Richard Russell, commonly known as "the lightning traveller." For several years past he has been connected with the firm of A. C. Anderson & Co., and on the amalgamation of the two businesses, with the firm of Lowe & Anderson. His many friends will, however, be surprised to learn that for the future he will travel for the firm of Levy Bros., of Hamilton, and will take the road for them in about a month's time. Mr. Russell has won success by honest persistent effort, and we trust he may long be spared to handle his genial grip and book good fat orders.

OUT OF JAIL.—After being about four months in jail the friends of Mr. Sapery came to a settlement with Messrs. P. W. Ellis & Co., by buying their account against him for the sum of one thousand dollars in hard cash. Taking it altogether we think that this is but another illustration of the truth of the old saying that, "honesty is the best policy." Young Sapery's adventures have not added anything to his reputation or credit, and by the time his lawyers' bills are paid we think

he might about as well have attempted to pay one hundred cents on the dollar to his creditors. We trust the lesson will not be thrown away on either wholesalers or retailers. Credit is altogether too cheap at the present time in Canada.

REVISING OUR LIST.—We have been at considerable pains during the past month to revise the list of names to whom we send THE TRADER. In accordance with the promise made to the trade some time ago, we have struck off all but *bona fide* dealers in jewelry and kindred goods. This is we consider a step in the right direction. We propose for the future to make THE TRADER strictly a jewelers' journal, and as there are many questions that will arise for discussion that are better kept from outsiders, we propose to confine our circulation as strictly as we can to the legitimate jewelry trade. If we have inadvertently omitted any jeweler, all that he has to do to get put on the list, is to send us a note to that effect and enclose his business card.

ACCIDENT.—What might easily have been a fatal accident occurred at the factory of the American Watch Case Co., of Toronto, a few days ago. It appears that one of the Company's machinists was fitting a new die into the large steam drop-hammer and while turning around his foot accidentally touched the lever which sets it in motion. The hammer, which weighs one hundred pounds, struck him on the head cutting it to the bone and rendering him insensible. Fortunately he was standing almost upright at the time which made him receive the blow almost at the start of the hammer. Had he been stooping down it would have crushed his head to a jelly. A doctor was at once called in who dressed the wound, and the plucky fellow was able to resume work in a couple of days.

ASTONISHING.—Rice Sharpley & Sons, of Montreal, were recently prosecuted for exhibiting in their window two figures in marble of the real decotelle style, copied from Michael Angelo's statues in the Pitti Palace at Florence. Five witnesses testified that there was no indecency in the exhibition, as the figures are purely works of art, and valued as such. Surely the fools are not all dead yet. It is really astonishing how much fuss a few ignorant people will make about such exhibitions at home, while they will spend thousands of dollars to travel to Europe and cheerfully disgorge of their wealth to see the originals of all such works of art. Of course the originals are simply superb in Florence, Rome and Paris, but immodest and disgusting when exhibited nearer home. Verily consistency, thou art a jewel!

A DECIDED CHANGE.—Mr. Edmund Scheuer, late of Levy Bros. & Scheuer, of Hamilton, having retired from that firm, has removed to Toronto and opened out a new business at No. 1 Wellington St. West, where he proposes to keep one of the largest and best assorted stocks of jewelry, clocks, etc., to be found in any warehouse in Canada. Mr. Scheuer has been connected with the wholesale jewelry trade in Canada for the past fifteen years, and has the credit of being one of the ablest and most popular men in the business. On the formation of the Canadian Jobbers' Association, Mr. Scheuer was chosen Vice-President and this year was elected President. We welcome him to Toronto and trust he may have a long and successful career here. Mr. Scheuer is able and energetic and the kind of man our city wants, and what is Hamilton's loss will be Toronto's gain.

DISSOLUTION.—Amongst the retail jewelry trade of Canada, the name of Levy Bros. & Scheuer had become almost a household word, and it will be a genuine surprise to many of their more distant customers to learn that they have dissolved partnership, Mr. Edmund Scheuer retiring. The business of the old firm will be carried on at the old stand by the Messrs. Levy Brothers, and we need scarcely say that the honorable trade policy of the past will be continued by them as heretofore. Mr. A. Levy the senior partner of the firm has been identified with the jewelry business of Canada for nearly a quarter of a century, and is, we believe, the oldest jewelry jobber in Canada. Under his guidance the firm has made an honorable record and had a very prosperous career, and we wish the remaining partners a long continuation of both.

A MAGNIFICENT CATALOGUE.—The new illustrated catalogue of gold watch cases just issued by Messrs. P. W. Ellis & Co., of this city is the best thing of its kind that we have ever seen, and will we think prove to be one of the most useful auxiliaries to the retail jewelry trade that any firm has yet produced. The paper, artistic and typographical