

WELLINGTON'S WATCHES.

An exchange says that the Duke of Wellington was extremely fond of watches, and at all times had fully half a dozen ticking their liveliest lying around him. Fearing that some ill might befall those just under his eye, orders were given that whenever he travelled to have as many more stored away in a portmanteau made to fit his carriage. One timepiece was, above all others, his acknowledged favorite; it was of old-fashioned English construction, and had once been the property of Tippoo Sahib. Another of the Duke's treasures had a strange history. Napoleon had ordered it of Breguet for the fob of his brother Joseph, and, as an extra courtesy, directed a miniature map of Spain to be wrought in metal on one side and the imperial and royal arms on the other. Just as this lovely gift was finished, Joseph was driven out of his kingdom by the Duke, and the Emperor, for reasons best known to himself, refused to take or pay for the costly bauble. At the peace it was purchased from Breguet and presented by Sir E. Paget to the Duke of Wellington. Another watch owned by the Duke was made by Marshal Junot, and a great horological curiosity it is. There has never been known more than two others like it. They are constructed to mark both lunar and weekly movements.

The great Duke gave preference to certain *montres de touche* of which he had several—a contrivance of Breguet's, having sundry studs or knobs by which one could feel what hour it was, and this merely by what seemed "just fumbling in his pocket."—*Exchange*.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Jewelers throughout Canada will oblige the Editor by sending into this office for insertion in these notes any items of news pertaining to the jewelry business that they think would be of interest to the Trade generally.

MR. W. G. H. LOWE, of the firm of Lowe & Anderson, has just returned from a business trip in Manitoba and the North-West. He reports business fair, with good prospects ahead.

IN THE DEATHS.—The following jewelers are reported to be in difficulties: C. L. Bass of Kingston, J. E. Freeman, Madoc, C. Atcheson, Orangeville, and W. Perret, Winnipeg.

JOHN SEGWORTH & Co. have secured the services of Mr. S. F. Glover lately with Messrs. C. T. Picard & Co., of Montreal, to travel for the east of Toronto. Mr. Glover has made a good record for himself and we wish him continued success in his new sphere.

OUT OF BUSINESS.—Mr. S. T. Culp, of Toronto, writes us to say that for the present at least he has retired from the wholesale jewelry business in Canada. He has been suffering lately from a severe bronchial affection, and has gone to a drier climate for the benefit of his health.

GLAD TO SEE YOU.—We were pleased to receive a visit a few days ago from Mr. W. H. Scott, jeweler, of Cobourg, Ont., one of the best known as well as one of the most skilful men belonging to the jewelry craft in the Dominion. Mr. Scott reports trade in Cobourg as fairly good. Call again Mr. Scott.

MR. C. N. THORPE'S SPEECH.—We are very sorry that pressure on our columns prevents us from publishing this month the speech of Mr. C. N. Thorpe at the Chicago jewelers' banquet. A good thing often improves with age and we therefore propose to give our readers the benefit of it in our next issue. It is well worth a careful perusal.

THE "PERFECTION" Watch Case, put upon the market last month by the American Watch Case Co., has proved to be the biggest success of any Case the Company ever made. The demand is unprecedented, and everybody pronounces it the best cheap Watch Case they ever handled for the money.

OUR LIST.—In reply to a Western Retail Jeweler, who complains that THE TRADER is being sent to people in his town other than legitimate dealers, we desire to say that we will take it as a favor if the trade will promptly notify us of any such cases and we will at once stop their paper. We desire to make THE TRADER the organ of the Jewelry Trade of Canada and have no ambition beyond it.

A BIG FINE.—It is stated on good authority that D. A. L. the recently detected Montreal jewelry smuggler has paid the Customs authorities \$24,000 in hard cash as an equivalent for the duty he had cheated the country out of. We think that every honest dealer in the country will say it served him "jolly well right." Truly honesty is the best policeman.

A CHANGE OF BASE.—Messrs. P. W. Ellis & Co. have secured the services of Mr. J. J. F. Houghton, late of the firm of Hill & Houghton, manufacturing jewelers of this city, to assist them in the order department of their business. Mr. Houghton's thorough knowledge of the jewelry business should make him invaluable in such a position of responsibility.

WHO WOULDN'T BE AN ABORIGINE.—It is said that Sir George Stephen has presented Crowfoot, the Blackfeet chief, with a handsome locket and chain, the locket containing a perpetual pass over the Canadian Pacific Railway. Next summer Crowfoot will be able to take his family free of cost to the fire-watering places. And still we wonder at crime.

ABSQUATULATED.—We are informed by a correspondent that Mr. E. M. Blakeley, jeweler, of Campbellford, has sold out his stock and absquatulated, whatever the word means. On asking some of our Toronto jobbers to explain the meaning, we were informed that it meant that he had cleared out. Several of them are desirous of interviewing him.

SILVER WEDDING.—Mr. A. L. Skeele, jeweler, of Richmond Hill, Ont., and his wife, celebrated their silver wedding on the 6th day of February. The Editor of THE TRADER was unable to accept Mr. Skeele's kind invitation to be present, but learns from a local exchange that the guests had a very enjoyable time. We trust to be present at Mr. and Mrs. Skeele's golden wedding, however.

SALE OF A. S. MURRAY & Co.'s BUSINESS.—The stock of A. S. Murray & Co., the well-known jewelers of London, Ont., took place last month, the purchasers being Messrs. Schwob Bros., of Montreal, for the price of fifty-six and a half cents on the dollar. As the stock is a first-class one, and the stand one of the best in the city, it should not be hard to dispose of it to some enterprising jeweler with capital.

BY THE DEATH OF Mr. Isadore Saunders, of the firm of H. & A. Saunders, of Montreal, which occurred a few days ago, Canada loses one of the oldest men in the wholesale jewelry trade. Mr. Saunders was looked upon by those who knew him as one of the most thorough men in the business, and his friends and those associated with him in business will not easily forget him. We understand that the business will be continued by the remaining partner, Mr. L. Saunders.

DISSOLUTION.—The well-known retail and manufacturing firm of Welch & Trowern, of Toronto, was dissolved during the past month Mr. Welch retiring. Mr. Trowern will continue the old business as formerly, while Mr. Welch is making preparations to commence again the manufacture of jewelry. Both of these gentlemen are hard working and deserving, and we wish them both success in their new responsibilities and undertakings.

A FALL IN PRICES.—The event of the past month, so far as the jewelry trade is concerned, has been the sweeping reductions made by all the leading American manufacturers in the prices of their jeweled movements. The effect of this will be to make American movements more pre-eminently than ever, the watch for the people of this continent, and should do much towards bringing the finer grade of goods into more general use.

THE SAPERY CASE.—In spite of all the efforts of Mr. Sapery's friends that "minor" still remains in duranco vile. Messrs. P. W. Ellis & Co. inform us that although they have been approached in order to compromise the matter, they have decided to have full justice done them or take nothing for their claim. Come what will they propose to fight the case to the bitter end and if nothing else comes of it, an example will have been made which will have a healthy effect on such people in future.