

## TRADE GOSSIP.

**B**y a decision of the Quebec Court of Appeal, the Globe Woolen Mills Co. won against its employees, who were suing it for injuries resulting from accidents.

The knitting mills at Port Dover work overtime.

The Palmerston woolen mills are again in operation.

Owen Sound merchants are generally elated over the results of the Christmas trade.

Henry Michie, dry goods, Fergus, Ont., lost slightly by a fire on New Year's night.

G. W. Blair, tailor, Lindsay, lost by a fire in that town on January 13. Insurance, \$1,000.

F. W. Watkins, one of Hamilton's most pushing retailers, has been elected alderman for 1895.

J. W. Gage, of Bartonville, and Charles Treganza will open a dry goods store in Hamilton about February 1st.

A. J. McMurtrie, clothing, boots and shoes, etc., Wellington, is selling out and contemplates opening in hotel business.

J. M. L. Schlomon will do business in Montreal as a manufacturer, under the style of the Canadian Shirt and Overall Co.

O'Neill & Co., dry goods, Gravenhurst; fire, Jan. 4: loss, \$3,000, insurance, \$2,500. Lawrence, general store, Buckingham, Que.; fire, Jan. 3: loss, \$13,000; insurance, \$3,000.

H. A. Stone, dry goods, Yonge street, Toronto, has assigned. This is another man crushed out by the big departmental stores. Th. liabilities are \$22,000 and assets \$26,000.

On Dec. 28, E. M. Edsall, of Bowmanville, dealer in bankrupt stocks, was burned out. At Lindsay, Ont., Kerr & Co., dry goods, lost slightly by smoke and water.

It is not often that a retail store is found under the management of a joint stock company. The Dawson Leggatt Co., of Drumbo, Ont., are, however, being incorporated for this purpose.

James Murray, traveler for Messrs. Green Shields, Montreal, on getting off a train at Shediac recently, slipped and fell and broke his leg badly below the knee.

Wyld, Grasett & Darling have forwarded a cheque for \$100 to Chief Ardagh, of the Toronto fire department, in recognition of the services rendered by the brigade on the night of the great fire.

The Canning Woolen Mills Co., owned by Wilcox & McCosh, at Canning, Ont., are in difficulties. Their principal manufacture is blankets, and their output of these became too large.

A very sad accident occurred in Montreal recently whereby Mr. Louis Ship, merchant tailor, at 2,091 Notre Dame street, lost his life. He was struck by a shunting train at the Mountain street crossing.

At the annual meeting of the Calgary Board of Trade, the following officers were elected for 1895: President, Jas. Bannerman; vice-president, A. McBride; treasurer, A. Allan; secretary, J. S. G. Van Wart.

G. H. Rodgers & Co., of Winnipeg, have had a branch store at Brandon, but are now closing it up. Mr. R. B. Rodgers, who has been in charge, will open up a clothing and furnishing store in Winnipeg on his own account.

The Retail Dry Goods Merchants' Association of Montreal, at a recent meeting, passed a resolution protesting against the commercial tax, and urging the local members of the Quebec

Legislature to see that it is reduced 3 per cent. during the second year, and entirely abrogated after the third year, according to understanding. It is not likely they will gain the request.

The Winnipeg city travelers have been making arrangement for a reunion. The entertainment will take the form of a conversation, a concert for an hour, after which supper will be served, and the evening conclude with dancing.

Notice of dissolution of partnership heretofore existing between F. H. Doull, Wm. Doull and W. H. Gibson, doing business under the firm name of Doull & Gibson, wholesale clothiers, Montreal, has been filed and a new partnership registered between F. H. and Wm. Doull.

The Standard Shirt Company is being incorporated to do business in Montreal, with a capital of \$200,000. W. Yuile, J. R. Gordon, C. B. Gordon, S. Bell and A. McIntyre are the applicants. The notice does not say what kind of shirt they will manufacture. It is to be hoped that it will be a Canadian shirt worthy of the public's confidence.

J. T. B. Lee, manufacturers' agent, Toronto, is forming a joint stock company to be known as the J. T. B. Lee Co., to buy and sell dry goods and carry on a general commission and agency business in dry goods. G. R. Buckham and Thomas Buckham are the principal other applicants. Capital stock, \$250,000.

Messrs. Pratt & Watkins, Hamilton, who for several years have closed their stores at 6 p.m. on Saturdays, have notified their employees that during January, February and March they will close on Saturdays at 3 p.m. Poor deluded mortals! What a lot of sales they must lose, just to give a few insignificant employees a chance to live a few years longer!

The merchants of London, Ont., are delighted because one of the most popular of their number has been elected to the mayoralty. This gentleman is John W. Little, and he is a very successful and public-spirited merchant. London is to be congratulated on having a clear-headed business man at its head for 1895.

Montreal lost an old resident on December 30th, in the person of John Hutchison, who died at the age of 73 years. Mr. Hutchison was born at Forres, Morayshire, Scotland, on the 15th of May, 1816, and came to Canada in 1836, where he became an extensive importer. In business the deceased was a success, and by his unflinching energy and push was enabled to retire comfortably some eight years ago.

Hugh J. Jones died suddenly in Buffalo recently from apoplexy. He was a salesman in Adam, Meldrum & Anderson's cloak department. He went to Buffalo about two years ago from Toronto, where he had been employed by Eaton & Co. Prior to that time he was with H. W. Brethour, of Brantford. He was also at one time engaged in business for himself in Brantford. He was a salesman of much ability.

Burglar alarms may be worth every merchant's consideration, according to the following paragraph: "Thomas Coulter, of Port Robinson, has an electric alarm between his store and residence, and early yesterday morning, hearing the alarm, he seized a revolver, and started for the store. He thinks a confederate must have given the alarm, as three men ran out of the store. Fortunately for them the revolver failed to go off. Mr. Coulter found a quantity of valuable goods piled up ready to carry off, his electric alarm, no doubt, saving them."