

A CORRESPONDENT of the Globe suggests that the Government should select land in the North-West, and offer it to the Imperial Government for the purpose of breeding horses for the British army.

AN assignment is made by Herbert Bond, harnessmaker, Inwood. A couple of weeks ago we noted the troubles of E. G. Hall & Co., dry goods dealers, Rat Portage. Now we hear that creditors have agreed to accept half of their claims, and they will continue business at the old stand.

A LITTLE more than a year ago, Horton & Manville started a bicycle and sporting goods store in London, putting in a stock of nearly \$1,300 worth of goods. Shortly afterwards the latter retired from the firm. In October last Horton showed assets of \$2,700, with liabilities less than \$1,000. Lately he has been slow in meeting his bills, some drafts on him being returned, and now he assigns.

ASHLEY & EBBITT, opened a cigar and tobacco store in Tweed last November, with a stock of \$1,400 worth of goods, which were bought on credit. The place was entirely too small to support either one or two persons in a store of that kind. Now they assign.—The sheriff of Hamilton and a bailiff are in possession of the hotel chattels of Theodore Cook, Hamilton. As the Grant, Spring Brewing Co. have a chattel mortgage of \$2,700, unsecured creditors need not expect a dividend.

WE notice with regret the death of Mr. William Polson, who came to Toronto from Belleville in 1883, and established the Polson Iron Works and Shipyard. Mr. Polson was a very thorough mechanic, and an estimable man. He had been born and educated in Montreal. Years ago, as a result of his great ability, he was appointed mechanical superintendent of the Cobourg, Peterboro' and Marmora Railway, with headquarters at Cobourg. This position he vacated for a similar appointment with the Grand Junction Railway, at Belleville. His age was 67 years.

ABOUT eighteen months ago, Charles Belfield opened a harness shop in Ridgeway. Afterwards he added a stock of groceries, a class of goods he knew nothing about. Now he is reported away, and the mortgagee is in possession.—Cooper Bros., dealers in bicycles, etc., Brantford, have assign-

ed, after being in business just two years.—A meeting of the creditors of Jas. Robinson, dry goods, Goderich, was held in this city on Monday last. The statement then submitted showed assets a little over \$12,000, and liabilities \$2,000 less. Not being able to offer any security, creditors obliged him to assign to Richard Lee.

H. K. RIDLEY has been long in the clothing business in Chatham, and has figured prominently in several failures. His good record was first broken as early as 1883. Afterward he assumed business under cover of his wife's name. In 1897 she got behind with her payments, and creditors kindly came to her aid, and wrote 25 per cent. off their claims. A year later she assigned, owing \$13,000. Then her husband bought the stock at a discount of 40 per cent, on time, secured, and he resumed business. The landlord had a preference of \$1,100, and creditors are now asked to accept 10 per cent. of their claims.

A FEW months ago, J. F. Thompson opened a small confectionery and fruit store in Winnipeg. Already a bailiff is in charge of the premises, and the owner is said to be away from the city.

—In October, 1894, Rahy Bros. opened a men's furnishing stock of goods in Victoria B.C. In March last they dissolved, Ab. N. Rahy continuing the business. At that date, his statement showed a surplus of \$7,500, and liabilities of only \$2,000. Evidently he determined to either make the spoon or spoil the horn, as he reported that he had fifteen men on the road, two of whom were on their way to Dawson. Now Toronto firms are surprised to hear of his assignment.

—As a result of the passage of the Ontario law requiring logs cut on Crown lands to be manufactured in Canada, there has been a falling off in the quantity of Canadian logs coming to Michigan. The record of logs rafted from Canada to Michigan during the past seven years is as follows: 1893, 184,500,000 feet; 1894, 301,000,000; 1895, 279,229,743; 1896, 274,388,654; 1897, 252,344,532; 1898, 238,843,024; 1899, 45,575,453; 1900, 45,850,485.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Jan. 9th, 1901.

Stocks.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Closing Prices		Average, same date 1900.
				Sellers.	Buyers.	
Montreal	257	255	67	258	255½	.....
Ontario .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	124	.....
Molson	191	191	110	.....	190	.....
Toronto	232½	232½	1	245	231	.....
J. Cartier .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Merchants	154	15½	48	159	150	.....
Commerce	147	146½	112	149	146	142½
Union .....	.....	.....	.....	108	105	.....
Hochelaga	135	135	13	.....	.....	.....
Nationale .....	.....	.....	.....	175	167	172
M. Telegraph .....	.....	.....	.....	169	107½	10½
R. & O. Nav.	110	108	975	277	276½	279
Street Ry.	284	274½	495½	.....	270½	.....
do N. Stock	275	268	245	.....	270½	.....
Gas	320	316½	2775	215½	219½	188
C. P. R.	92½	91	4341	91½	91½	91
Land Gt Bonds	169
N. W. Land pld	51	47
Bell Tele. Co. xd	173	173	118	174	172	172½
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By order of the Directors.
R. H. TOMLINSON, Manager.