

THE *Edinburgh Agriculturist* states that during the last nine months there were exported from Scotland 2,954 Clydesdale stallions. Of the number exported 1,671, or more than one-half, went to British North America and 568 to the United States.

THE liquidators of the Maritime Bank commenced paying dividends, last week, on the notes of the bank in circulation. Cheques were signed to the amount of about \$53,000. Claims have been received amounting to \$107,000 or thereabouts. It is estimated that there is \$33,000 of notes yet outstanding.

A MEETING of the dairymen of Vancouver was held last week. It was agreed that after the 1st inst., the price of milk to private families should be 50 cents per gallon, and to hotels and stores 40 cents per gallon during the winter months. This because fodder will be very dear this winter, and bran and shorts a third higher.

SMITH & Co., a firm of clothiers in Montreal, are in embarrassed shape, and seek a composition at 50 cents on the dollar at three and seven months, last payment secured. Montreal creditors have all agreed to the arrangement, and Toronto signatures are now being canvassed. They owe \$5,264; assets about \$4,000 apparent.

WAGONER & Co., a jewellery concern at Cornwall, have been obliged to assign. They have been in business some twenty years. In 1884 their store was burglarized and everything of value taken; in consequence they subsequently failed. They resumed business in a moderate way, but have not been able to make a success.

THE general stock of P. C. Doerner, of Preston, valued at \$1,640, was sold on Tuesday last at public auction in London, and purchased by Mr. Hoffman, of Thamesville, at 47 cents on the dollar. And the stock of T. W. & R. H. Howard, picture frames, etc., London, valued at about \$714, was bought by E. N. Hunt, of that city, at 40 cents on the dollar.

WM. A. KELSEY, printer and publisher at Burk's Falls, has been falling behind for some time past, and is now compelled to assign. —Three years after removing to Wroxeter, which was in 1886, Thos. McLaughlin, a general dealer at Gorrie, failed and compromised, liabilities of \$8,000 at 50 cents on the dollar. He is again in a like predicament with liabilities of \$7,000. —Jno. R. McKay, blacksmith at Harrington, has also assigned.

WRIGHT, TORROP & Co., manufacturers of spools at St. George de la Beauce, Quebec, have assigned. They have been in business at that place about six years with poor success, though industrious and steady men. They were burned out in 1885, and had to compromise thereafter. Their present indebtedness is not yet ascertained.

THE trial shipment of ten barrels of Lake Superior salmon from Rossport to Belfast, Ireland, realized 23 cents a pound and met a ready market. It is altogether probable that as this experiment proved so successful next season will witness quite a large trade in fresh and salt fish between that port and the Old Country.

J. F. FOWLE, a colored gentleman from Boston, opened a somewhat pretentious confectionery on St. James street, Montreal, a short time ago, calling the establishment the "Boston Candy Store." A week or so ago the Boston papers contained accounts of somewhat shady transactions in which he was involved, calling for police interference, and the store is closed. He owes little in Canada.

WE learn from the Hantsport, N.S., *Journal* that Messrs. Frieze & Roy, of Maitland, have launched a fine barque named the "Hinwood," of 1,233 tons, classed A 1 for eleven years in Bureau Veritas. Her dimensions are: Length of keel, 188 feet; deck length, 202 feet; breadth of beam, 38½ feet; depth of hold, 23 feet. A fine schooner, the "Bianca," of 177 tons, was launched last week from the building yard of Mr. Thomas Mosher, Avondale—the third launch from the yard this season. When ready for sea she will load apples for Cuba.

HERE follow some Montreal failures: J. S. Aubert bought out a grocery business in April, 1887; he had previously been hotel-keeping below Quebec, and although hotel men are proverbially smart, he has not made a success of the grocery business. He opened a branch store this summer, which probably has had something to do with his failure just announced. He owes about \$5,000. —Lefavre & Laberge are also a grocery concern who started at the same time as above. One of the firm was an accountant, the other a bank clerk, previously. Their career has been a short one. A seizure was put on stock last week to satisfy a small claim, and now they have assigned with liabilities of \$6,300. —Mrs. E. Fortin, keeper of a restaurant, has made an assignment, owing \$2,900. Her husband formerly carried on the business and

failed in 1879, paying ten cents in the dollar. He died two years ago, when the creditors took charge of the estate and liquidated it. Mrs. F. then continued on her own account, with the result above described.

THE ability of woman to compete in pursuits commonly supposed to be reserved for the sterner sex, to say nothing of her right, is illustrated in figures furnished by Miss Willard. She says that there are now in the United States 14,465 women managing commercial and industrial interests, 12,294 engaged as nurses, 2,136 architects, chemists, and assayers, 288 journalists, 320 authors, 2,061 artists, 13,182 professional musicians. Then there are no less than 2,194 serving under the Government, 2,175 in public offices, 2,432 physicians and surgeons, 75 lawyers, 165 ministers, 216 stock raisers, 56,809 farmers, and 154,375 teachers.

ON Friday night last the unscientific residents of Brantford were puzzled and half alarmed to see a blue flame over the grocery store of Winter & Elliott, and anxiously asked the scientific inhabitants what it meant. Meanwhile the fire alarm rang, but luckily the shop was not deluged with water, and the damage from the fire was slight. It is explained by the *Telegram* that the electric and telephone wires were crossed, and that both companies tried to blame each other. But it turns out that a man in repairing an awning tore the electric light wire off the insulators. Then to fix it up again he fastened it to the wood work with a staple that went over the telephone wire, bringing both wires to within an eighth of an inch of each other. The rain soaked the asbestos covering, and by permitting an escape of current, caused the damage.

A GENERAL dealer at Carthage, named Samuel Leggatt, has failed owing some \$5,000. —A grocer at Mount Vernon, W. T. Harris, after a short career in business has assigned. —Jno. Hill of North Bay mortgaged his farm to go into the grocery trade. He had no ability for that description of business and his assignment just announced is not surprising. —Wm. & D. T. Morris of Rockwood, and L. H. Dickson of Rodney, both harness makers, have made assignment for the benefit of creditors. —At Teston, a general dealer named Joseph Lund has failed. —When the chattel mortgage foreclosed against J. H. Campbell, a dealer in staves at Tilbury Centre, is satisfied there will be little or nothing left for other creditors. —A Toronto creditor has placed the sheriff in possession of the premises of

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