

most luxurious and at the same time sanitariously perfect bed. These are being put, we are told, into the new wing now being added to the Frontenac hotel at Quebec, which is to be ready for tourists by May or June next.

A STRONG deputation of Canadian lumbermen appeared before the Government at Ottawa yesterday to ask that a duty of \$2 per thousand feet should be imposed, against lumber coming into the Dominion from the United States. The Government will consider.

JOSEPH GUIMONT, a general dealer in a limited way at Petit Matane, Que., has called a meeting of creditors. The liabilities are under \$1,000.—J. S. Page, the leading merchant of St. Isidore, Que., whose unlooked for failure we noticed a fortnight ago, is canvassing his creditors for a settlement at 60 cents on the dollar.

LARGE shipments of Mediterranean oranges and lemons will again be among the first arrivals from sea at Montreal this season. In all, four steamers, with full cargoes, are expected after first open water. Three of these vessels belong to the Reford lines, while the fourth is chartered by an Italian fruit firm.

BENNING & BARSALOU, auctioneers, sold this week, at their salesrooms, for John McD. Hains, curator, Montreal, the stock of Robert Miller & Co., Limited, as follows: Lot No. 1, stock of stationery, etc., amounting to, as per inventory, \$11,330, to Howden, Starke & Co., at 42c.; lot No. 2, wall paper, \$2,780, to Em. H. Richer & Fils, at 25c.; lot No. 3, goods in bond, \$946, to J. H. Timmis, at 80c. in the dollar.

A WHOLESALE house writes us to the following effect: "As we believe you are interested in hearing of the freaks who are in business, we beg to give you the facts in a transaction we have just had: The customer owed us \$4.73, sold on a basis of thirty days less 5 per cent. In sending the statement when the thirty days were up we requested a settlement by money order, at our expense. In reply we received an express order for \$4.35. We enquired the reason for deducting the 15 cents in addition to cash discount, and the reply reads as follows: 'The charge of 15 cents includes 4 cents for order, 3 cents postage, stationery 2 cents, and time 6 cents.' If you think your readers would be interested in hearing this yarn you are at liberty to print it."

ABOUT five o'clock on Monday morning last fire was discovered in the storage warehouse of Robert Carrie & Co., at 27 Front street east Toronto. It burned till noon in spite of the efforts of the firemen, and indeed burst out again next morning, having smouldered all night among a great store of tea. Damage was done to the premises of P. C. Larkin, next door, and in Carrie's upper flats, principally by water and smoke. A great variety of merchandise was contained in the four stories of the Carrie building, and the owners of it are legion. While most of the tea (many hundreds of chests, we are told) is a total loss, it being either soaked with water or spoiled with smoke, there is considerable salvage on oil and other barrelled goods in the cellar. There was insurance on goods in Carrie's store in twenty companies, four Canadian for \$18,000, fourteen British for about \$80,000, and two American for \$7,000; the total reaching \$106,550. It is impossible to say what the total loss will be, but the Western's loss on Carrie's stock has been adjusted at \$4,900, and that of the North British and Mercantile at about \$6,000.

ON "Change" the other day, in this city, a great deal of sympathy was expressed for Mr. J. D. Laidlaw, long a grain merchant in Toronto, and principal member of the general storekeeping firm of Laidlaw & Nichol, at Stayner, who have assigned. The senior member of the firm has a branch store at Coldwater and a storage warehouse at Shelburne. No accurate statement of affairs has been prepared yet, and it is impossible to say how Mr. L. stands, with his diversified interest at this early date. Unfortunately for Mr. Laidlaw, he became the custodian of considerable sums of money from farmers and others who had long enjoyed his confidence. The amount received upon deposit and for which the firm of course is liable, is between \$19,000 and \$20,000. His trade liabilities are understood to be between \$7,000 and \$8,000, and this would bring the total liability to between \$26,000 and \$28,000. Last July a statement of Mr. Laidlaw's financial position was made, showing liabilities consisting of open accounts, bills payable and deposits at Stayner, amounting to \$25,000. Against this was placed the following assets:

Stock at Stayner.....	\$ 12,000
Accounts, bills, mortgages.....	24,000
Stock at Coldwater.....	4,500
Accounts at Coldwater.....	500
Equity on real estate	60,000

Total\$101,000
Nominal surplus 76,000

Of this surplus \$60,000 was composed of equities in real estate. About a year ago Mr. Laidlaw succeeded Mr. Mulock as president of the Farmers' Loan & Savings Company, which is now in liquidation, and in this connection a writ for damages was issued against him. A knowledge of this fact alarmed those who had deposited money with the Stayner firm, and in order to protect trade creditors they were obliged to assign. The firm of Laidlaw, Nichol & Co. is among the oldest doing business in the Georgian Bay district, and its members have always been much respected as business men. In 1880 Mr. J. H. McKeggie retired from the firm. Since then the business at Stayner has been managed by Mr. Nichol. They always did a nice trade. Their principal trade creditors in this city are W. B. Hamilton & Co., and W. R. Brock & Co.

TORONTO STOCK TRANSACTIONS.

Business on the Toronto Stock Exchange has been less active since our last. Stocks were generally weaker during the early part of the week, but they have firmed up latterly and closed strong. Imperial Bank is lower at 193. Commerce has also declined from 140 to 138½. Western Assurance shows an advance of 1½. C.P.R. stock opened at 81 and sold as low as 79½, closing at 82½. Commercial Cable is quoted at 177½, a gain of ½ on the opening price. Toronto Railway is firm at 98½. Richelieu and Ontario advanced from 96 to 99½. Sales of General Electric were made at 110 and 111. Loan companies were not dealt in to any extent.

Following are the transactions for the week: Ontario Bank, 36 at 104½-104; Bank of Toronto, 30 at 228; Canadian Bank of Commerce, 174 at 140-138½; Imperial Bank, 301 at 194-193; Standard Bank, 38 at 174; Bank of Hamilton, 40 at 174; British America Assurance Co., 272 at 127½-128; Western Assurance Co., 715 at 165½-166½; Consumers' Gas Co., 2 at 215½; Canada N. W. Land, pref., 200 at 51; C.P.R. Stock, 3,780 at 79½-82½; Toronto Electric Light Co., 10 at 134½; new, 4 at 117½; Can. Gen. Electric Co., 72 at 110-111; Com. Cable, 1,150 at 170½-177½; Commercial Cable reg. bonds, \$6,500 at 105½; Bell Telephone Co., 147 at 176-174½; Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Co., 325 at 96-99½; Toronto Railway, 300 at 97½-98½; London Street Railway, 100 at 182½-182; Canada Landed and National Investment Co., 10 at 99; Canada Permanent Loan Co., 45 at 109½-110; Central Canada Loan Co., 12 at 124; Western Canada Loan Co., 2 at 120½.

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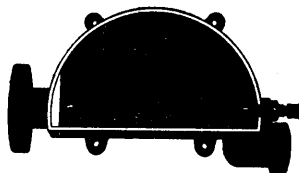
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