

be curtailed for the next two months. This has been determined upon by the principal export firms partly on account of the ruinous prices their goods have been sold at here, and partly because the banks of New Zealand have refused to advance any more money on account of meat shipments. \* \* \* The refrigeration chambers at the docks and around Smithfield are all chock-a-block with frozen mutton, and sales are being made at 2 to 2½d. per lb. daily. By all accounts it is as bad as the Canadian cattle business, and the sooner the freezing companies shut down or let up the better for all concerned."

THE recent failures in the Maritime Provinces have been few, and the volume of liabilities small. For the week we chronicle the following: J. E. Fortune, of Halifax, who came in from the country to try his fortune in a city shoe business about eighteen months ago, has had to assign. He owes about \$2,200, some \$1,300 of which is due to one wholesale concern, and is preferred.—A trader in a small way at New Glasgow, named P. Graham, has assigned. Liabilities altogether local.—C. A. B. Purdy, a lumber dealer at Porter's Lake, near Halifax, has turned his estate over to the assignee.—V. Albert, of St. Hilaire, N. B., a hotel-keeper of some years' standing, has gone into insolvency, with debts of about \$2,000, and apparent assets only \$667.—J. McKilligan, grocer at Fredericton, is insolvent. He was one of the firm of McKilligan & Young, formed last spring, and recently dissolved.—A. A. Mabee & Co., who have a planing mill at St. John, N.B., are reported in difficulties. The partners have not been agreeing, and the business will have to be wound up by the assignee.

A FAMILIAR face on our business streets for more than a half century was that of W. W. Copp, of the well-known publishing firm of Copp, Clark & Co., limited, who died in Toronto on Tuesday last. At the age of sixteen years the deceased gentleman entered the employ of Mr. Hugh Scobie, the stationer. After Mr. Scobie's death, in 1854, Mr. Copp formed a partnership with Mr. Thomas Maclean and a partnership with Mr. Thomas Maclean and Mr. W. C. Chewett, carrying on a publishing business under the firm name of Maclean & Chewett. In 1862 the style of the firm became Chewett & Co. Three years later the firm was changed again to Copp, Clark & Co., under Mr. Copp's management, until 1885, when a joint stock company was formed, with the deceased as president. Mr. Copp was a man of integrity and public spirit. In the early days

of his career he was closely associated with the late Mr. Geo. Laidlaw in the many railway enterprises of the latter that have helped to build up the city of Toronto, and for several years was a director of the Victoria Railway. He was a member of the Toronto Board of Trade, etc. A large number of friends followed his remains to their last resting place in the Necropolis on Wednesday.

*Le Courrier de St. Hyacinthe*, writing on the repatriation movement, gives figures showing that 126,000 individuals came back to Canada from the United States during 1893. This number, with that of 1892, makes a grand total of 172,410 souls who have again come to their native province. The figures are compiled from Custom House records.

THE Fire Commissioners of Montreal had a long sitting on Wednesday and announce the following about recent fires: The Montreal steam laundry, which was burned on the 16th inst., was proven to be of accidental origin. The loss is \$50,000 and the insurance \$27,000. Mr. Love, the manager, stated that about two months before the fire he considered the place so well protected that he dropped \$14,000 insurance. The John Date fire on Craig street originated in the boiler room.

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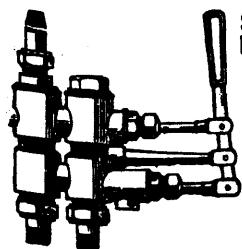
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