

The estate of Jas. D. Windrum, grocer, Toronto, who assigned last week, has been transferred to C. Langley, assignee.

Mr. D. WATERBURY, who has been connected with the Merchants' Bank at Kingston for seven years, has been promoted to the management of a branch at Mitchell. He will be succeeded by Mr. Wells, the accountant at Mitchell.

DURING the season just ended 10,014,103 superficial feet of deals, etc., were sent forward to trans-atlantic ports from Bathurst, N.B. This total does not include 198,000 feet of birch deals shipped by the St. Lawrence Lumber Company.

ACCORDING to a circular issued by the Inland Revenue Department, dealers who desire to keep empty cigar boxes in their shops as "dummies" may do so if they will cut diagonally one cover of each empty box, the portion removed to be at least three inches on each side from the corner.

A DEMAND of assignment has been made upon R. Gobier, a well-known Montreal dry goods retailer, who already has had a much-checked career. Liabilities will probably be about \$85,000. Mr. Gobier first failed as far back as 1868, and again in '77. In '83 he was also obliged to go to his creditors for indulgence, and obtained a settlement at 50 cents.

At a Providence, R.I., factory, the finishing touches are being put upon a belt of such a character that the Providence *Journal* deems it worthy of notice. The belt is made three-ply, out of forty-eight inch widths, and has the best portion of about 100 extra hides. It will contain no rivets and no sewing, the joints being made with cement, and it will cost about \$1,600.

THERE has been organized in this city a company of capable musicians known as the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, the conductor of which is Sig. D'Auria. The verdict pronounced upon its first public appearance, on the 20th of November last, was that it was by far the most successful attempt of the kind ever made here. The second concert is announced for the 16th in the Pavilion, and the committee has confidence in its potency as an antidote for the tired brains and ruffled nerves of business men. It is quite pleasant to take; nothing more than a prescription made up of certain proportions of Mendelssohn, Beethoven and Schumann as a sedative, with a tincture of Strauss, Deslibes, and Loescharn thrown in for tonic effect.

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At Lachute, Que., John E. Bradford, a small general dealer, has assigned to the Court. He had been going behind for some time past. At the same place, R. T. Manley, a dealer in groceries and furniture, is similarly situated. He came from England four years ago, and commenced with some little capital. His liabilities are about \$5,000, with assets of nearly half this figure.

The business men of Ingersoll on Thursday last presented Mr. Robert Quinn, district general freight agent of the G.T.R., with a handsome solitaire diamond ring as a mark of recognition of the uniform courtesy and consideration which they have always received from him. Mr. Quinn will leave shortly for Liverpool, where he is to officiate as special representative of the G.T.R.

E. K. BARNSDALE, J. Barker, A. J. Clark, J. Dow, J. Hodd, E. J. Kneitl, J. P. Mabee, W. Mowat, J. H. Mook, J. J. Stock, J. Trow, A. Waddell and B. F. Youngs give notice of application for a charter to incorporate the Standard Oil and Gas Company of Ontario, with a capital of \$1,000,000, divided into 10,000 shares of \$100 each. The operations will be at or near Stratford, where it is thought oil or gas or both can be found.

A MONTREAL jobbing house in dry and fancy goods, Lamalice Bros. by name, is reported in straitened circumstances, and virtually suspended. Mr. P. E. Lamalice, the only partner, is at present in England, where he had gone to interview creditors in the matter of a settlement. It is understood his efforts have not been very successful, but no regular assignment can be made until his return. The firm has already been in difficulties once, having compromised at 50 cents in the spring of '85. Liabilities, direct and indirect, are estimated at about \$75,000.

It was not altogether with surprise that the suspension of Messrs. J. A. Patterson & Co., wholesale millinery goods, Montreal, on Friday last, was received in Montreal. The fact was known in certain circles that there had been some strain on their circumstances during the last year or so, owing to a lack of active capital, and friction between the firm and a former partner. The immediate cause of the suspension is understood to be their banker's refusal to advance the large amount required for the payment of duties within the next month or two. They are understood to owe about \$90,000, and it is said will propose a 60-cent settlement to their creditors, who are nearly all European.

By the purchase of the wholesale dry goods stock of Messrs. Bryce, McMurrich & Co., Toronto, by Messrs. Gordon, Mackay & Co., of the same place, a well-known and much-respected firm will cease to exist as a competitor in the dry goods trade of the city. This important transaction was consummated a few days ago, and by the first of next month the goods will have a place in the large warehouse of the new owners at the corner of Bay and Front streets.

The Retail Grocers' Association of Toronto has elected the following officers: President, Robert Brown; vice-president, J. S. Britton; secretary, W. Macrae; treasurer, Albert Hudgin; inside guard, W. McCullough. Directors—Messrs. Mills, Donald, Clarke and Binnie. At Home Committee—Messrs. F. Britton, W. F. Britton, Western, Snider, Robert Booth, Butcher, Radcliffe and Hudgin. After the meeting the members of the association became the guests of the president at a pleasant luncheon at Webb's.

ON Wednesday last a meeting of the creditors of James Taylor, general storekeeper of Whitevale, was held in this city, when a statement was submitted by the debtor, showing liabilities of about \$8,000 and nominal assets of \$6,000. An offer of settlement was made and declined. However, the creditors have extended time to amend this. At about the same time a meeting was held of the creditors of Taylor & Lount, woodenware manufacturers, also of Whitevale, when a sale of the assets of this firm was made to Mrs. Lount.

We find in the Northern Counties *Grocers' Review* a reference to the Halifax (Canada) Sugar Refinery, limited, which, it appears, is registered in Scotland with a capital of £150,000, in shares of £5 each. The object is to buy the site at Woodside, on Halifax harbor, and make sugar; to obtain the benefit of an "Act to Incorporate the Halifax Sugar Refining Company," passed in 1873 by the Governor, Council, and Assembly of the Dominion of Canada. The names of seven Glasgow men, merchants, solicitors, brokers, &c., are given as subscribing for one share each, being the first subscribers. "There shall not be less than three nor more than six directors. The first shall be Lord Wenlock, W. Don Gillies, John Samuel Cox, James Campbell Fraser, Robert Munro, and Hugh Stiven. Qualification, a holding of £1,000 stock. Remuneration, £250 each per annum. Mr. Alexander G. Brand is secretary; the office is to be in Glasgow."

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