

A new shoe store has been opened up in Picton, by Mr. C. J. Clapp.

J. A. LAURIN, a dry goods retailer of Sorel, Que., is in trouble, and proposes that his creditors accept 40 cents on the dollar. He owes about \$3,000.

THE Canadian railways have agreed upon a rate to the World's Fair at Chicago. The general public will pay about one fare and a third. These tickets, we are told, will be issued from 15th of April to the 31st of October, inclusive, and will be good for one month.

At Windsor and Sarnia, possibly, too, at other frontier points, a swindle is being operated by parties who, with a confederate in Detroit, advertise that certain souvenirs or pamphlets have been shipped to so-and-so, which can be obtained by payment of \$5 for Customs' duties and fees.

THE creditors of T. H. Dorais, a St. Paul street tailor in Montreal, had a meeting on the 28th inst., and made an offer of 25 cents on the dollar, which creditors are not disposed to accept. The liabilities are reported to be about \$7,000, and assets very much less.—Ovila Brouillet, a grocer of the same city, has assigned, owing about \$1,800, and shows assets slightly in excess.

THE Vancouver *World* says of a jewelry firm in that town: "Davidson Bros., who have been closing their store every evening about 6 o'clock, are trying to make arrangements to keep open till 12 every night in order to allow their employees to go on fishing and shooting excursions during the day and do their work at night, as a certain other firm in town is doing."

JOSEPH B. PELLETIER, general dealer at Iverville, Que., faced a meeting of his creditors in Montreal on the 28th inst., at which he showed ordinary liabilities of \$10,243; privileged ditto, \$895, and indirect, \$3,590. Assets consist of stock, \$6,195; book debts about \$1,200; bills receivable, \$1,900. He made an offer, which was not accepted, but creditors signified their willingness to accept 50 per cent. secured.

THERE are but few failures to note in Toronto this week. Among them are the following: E. M. Mathews, who bought in the fall of 1891 the Arlington hotel from the Kerr estate, and assumed liabilities of \$48,000, found the burden more than he could carry and keep afloat. He has just made an assignment, with liabilities of

\$10,000.—E. Yard & Co. commenced the dry goods business in the spring of 1888, but not making satisfactory progress find an assignment in order.—In the early part of the present year, E. A. McEachern came from Boston, Mass., and started a small grocery. He has been here long enough, it seems, to realize that his cash has gone and now he is compelled to assign.—About twelve months ago J. P. McMillan succeeded to the wholesale fruit business of his father, assuming the liabilities thereon. Now he has only nominal assets of \$1,500 to pay liabilities of \$2,400. He assigns.

In the year 1888, E. C. Moore began business at Orillia as an auctioneer. The following year he appeared in the role of an hotel-keeper. Last autumn he became tired of the hotel, and then opened a wholesale liquor store. The old adage of "the rolling stone," etc., has proved true in his case, and it is not surprising that his affairs are now in the hands of an assignee.—John Howard, dealer in lumber, etc., at Whitby, has assigned after being nearly two years in business. But he had had no previous experience in this line, which makes his failure less surprising.—At one time James Porteous, shoe dealer, at Galt, did a nice business; but of late it seems to have fallen off, for he has been slow in making payments. This week we hear of his assignment with liabilities of \$7,000, and nominal assets \$2,000 less. The stock will be offered for sale on Monday next.—Seven years ago Andrew Wilson opened a grocery store at Paisley, but did not make any progress. His assignment is now announced.—Last year Heintzman & Geiser formed a co-partnership at Shipka, and since then carried on a general store, but evidently unsuccessful, as we hear of their assignment, with liabilities of nearly \$2,000.

—Four years ago, L. A. Gurnett & Bros., dealers in boots and shoes, came to Woodstock, and bought Gray & Butcher's stock, valued at \$7,000, paying half cash for the same. Previous to this they came from Ancaster, where their father is in business, and no doubt he assisted them, for now we hear that the sheriff has issued an execution in his favor for \$3,000, and the business will probably be closed up.—About six months ago John E. Howson bought the dry goods stock of Hamilton & Oslic, Walkerton, giving a chattel mortgage of \$4,000. This has already been foreclosed.

ITEMS FOR GROCERS.

C. WILSON & SON, of Toronto, are manufacturing a scale especially adapted to the needs of grocers.

MR. G. C. PETTY, of the firm of Petty Bros., Hensal, will establish a pork packing house in Sarnia.

THE town council of Brandon, Manitoba, are offering an eastern pork-packer great inducements to establish an industry there.

THE run of early salmon has commenced in British Columbia, as yet few have been caught and prices are reported very high.

MESSRS. G. C. HAMILTON & SON, biscuit manufacturers, of Picton, N.S., are adding a \$3,000 oven to their establishment.

A GENTLEMAN from the Island of Dominica, a producer of lime juice and kindred products, is attempting to build up a Canadian trade.

THE horticulturist of the Canadian Experimental Farm urges the importance of thinning fruit in years of heavy production.

APROPPOS of fruit growing in Nova Scotia, the manager of the Wolfville Fruit Land Improvement Co., Ltd., leaves for New York shortly, to purchase 17,000 fruit trees, which the company intend planting in the spring in the Annapolis Valley.

Professor Robertson, dairy commissioner for the Dominion, insists upon the need of better cheese boxes being used by Canadian dairymen. He says the best boxes are those used in the Ingersoll district. Another recommendation he makes is the compulsory branding on the skin of the cheese the words (1) "Canadian Produce," (2) the month and actual day of the month when they were made; the cheese would then realize their proper relative value.

In this Canada of ours we do not keep store open on Sunday, having more sense and better taste. But in some of the United States it is done, and people try to justify it as a necessity. The *Grocer's Criterion* thus argues against it and against the needlessly long hours of shop clerks:—"There is no sense or reason in keeping a retail store open after six or seven o'clock in the evening, or to open at all on Sunday. People can just as well do their trading on Saturday night. Many attempts have been made in this direction, but they have failed, owing to the obstinacy of certain dealers who can not be induced to join in the movement. In our

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