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THE Manitoba Government will receive tenders for printing and binding, up to the 10th inst.

JAMES MOCK, Montreal, a West End stationer, in business since 1889, and supposedly doing fairly well, has assigned, owing some \$8,000.

Word comes from Stellarton, Nova Scotia, that the fire in McGregor's coal mine has been controlled, and that the danger is past. The origin of the fire is unknown.

MR. MCLEOD STEWART, who is interested in the Georgian canal scheme, has formed a company, in London, with a capital of \$1,500,000, for the purpose of developing mining and other properties in the Ottawa Valley.

H. DUCHESNEAU, general merchant, Pointe Claire, Que., and Mrs. C. H. Gariepy, the milliner postmistress of Lachine, whose failures were recently noted, are both offering creditors 25 cents, cash. Liabilities in the latter case are larger than first estimated, reaching \$9,900.

THE annual dinner of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association took place at the Place Viger Hotel, Montreal, on 29th December, the chair being occupied by the president, Mr. T. L. Paton. Hon. E. J. Flynn, of the Quebec Government, was present, but Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Mr. Fielding disappointed the boys.

COMMENTING upon the statement of a New York journal, to the effect that upwards of £5,000 constitutes the aggregate value of typewriting machines shipped from New York to London every week by three of the leading manufacturers of such machines, "Commercial Intelligence" says: The way in which we have allowed Americans to monopolize the British typewriter market is a most extraordinary thing. Can any of our readers explain it?

J. B. H. ADAM, of Quebec, a plumber by trade, started a fancy goods business three years ago, which he put in charge of a female assistant, while he continued working at his trade. Success has not attended his venture, and he has assigned.

FROM Ottawa there is reported the failure of Wm. Trudel, who started a small furniture business in 1896.—Mrs. A. V. Desroches, dealing in fancy goods and millinery, at Brockville, has assigned. She has been in business little more than a year.

PREMONT & Co., general store, at St. Felicite, Quebec, have assigned. The registered owner of the business is one Eugene Dercy, a farmer, whose name, however, is used as a cover by Mr. Premont, who has had a poor business record. He originally was of the firm of Premont & Collin, who endeavored to compromise, unsuccessfully, in 1895. He then resumed business in the name of his mother-in-law, but only to fail in December, 1897, and his last venture has met with no better results.

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