

of failures may be taken as a criticism of the cheapness of credit, which has always been a weakness in the Quebec leather trade, and more particularly of the facility with which banking accommodation is obtainable from some of the monetary institutions of the ancient capital.

THERE has been a change in the *personnel* of the wholesale grocery firm of Lucas, Park & Co., in Hamilton. Mr. J. H. Park having retired therefrom, the style hereafter will be known as Lucas, Steele & Bristol.

A MEETING of the creditors of Wilfred Beauchemin & Co., retail dry goods men, Montreal, was called for yesterday. Mr. B. is reported as an absentee, and his partner has been served with a demand of assignment. Liabilities are put at \$11,250.

A GENERAL country dealer, W. Bryden, of South Indian, Ont., who gave up business last January in favor of his son-in-law, has assigned his estate over to P. Larmonth, of Ottawa. D. R. Lorne, a Kingston grocer, has assigned to the sheriff.

FALARDEAU & PAQUET, the Quebec tanners and curriers, whose suspension we noted last week, have since made an offer of 18 cents on the dollar, but latest advices announce the death of Mr. Paquet, who, it is said, took his firm's failure very much to heart.

It is understood that the inspectors in the Mills & McDougall estate—wholesale woollens dealers, Montreal—advise the acceptance of 60 per cent. offered by the suspended firm, payments to be in eight, twelve and sixteen months. The aggregate of liabilities is about \$175,000, and creditors representing \$100,000 have already accepted above composition.

A CORRESPONDENT, describing some of the industries of St. John, says: "The locomotive, engine and boiler works of James Fleming employ seventy hands, and the saw factory, lead and varnish works of James Robertson is a busy place. The iron industries as a rule are not active at present. I was in Josiah Fowler's axe factory and axle works and several of the foundries. The brass works of T. McAvity & Sons is one of the largest in Canada."

THERE are two factories in Philadelphia that use up in the season a hundred horse hides a week each to cover baseballs. They are aluminumed. One hide will furnish covers for ten dozen No. 1 balls, and five to eight dozen inferior ones. Horse hides for this purpose sell from \$2.50 to \$4 each, as to size. Kips are also used. They sell at 14 cents a foot and

sheepskins \$3.50 to \$8 a dozen. The best regulation balls sell at \$1.25 to \$1.50 each. A piece of rubber forms the centre, around which yarn is wound by hand. Then they are covered with leather.

A SUMMARY of the buildings erected in Montreal, N.B., during the year just closed gives their cost as \$76,085, and does not include the finishing of the Y. M. C. A. building, etc., or additions to residences. The list includes 41 dwellings, 6 barns, 5 workshops, 2 brick stores, 1 hotel, 1 church, 1 warehouse.

THE first consignment of live lobsters from Halifax arrived at the London docks some days ago by the "Nestorian," which took sixteen days in making the passage. Thirteen of the lobsters died during that time, fifteen were lost in a hurricane. The vessel was detained for two days in the river by the fog, and the Thames water proved fatal to the rest of the cargo.

A DEMAND of assignment has been served upon F. P. Pelletier & Co., dry goods retailers, Sherbrooke. Mr. P. has been offering his creditors 50 cents on liabilities of \$2,883. A failure in '92 is on record against Mr. Pelletier, and he has latterly been doing business under cover of a brother's name.—Gedeon Lalonde, general dealer at Coteau du Lac, whose troubles we noted a few weeks ago, has compromised his liabilities at the rate of 20 cents on the dollar.

A MEETING of the creditors of Daniel Dengate & Co., wholesale boot and shoe dealers, Brantford, was held a few days ago but what transpired we have not learned. D. Dengate was the sole proprietor, and about eighteen months ago he went into the jobbing business. Had he been content with his excellent retail business, he would likely have avoided the necessity of consulting creditors. —In the same city two dealers in clothing, Isaac and Hiram Simon, are in trouble. The former, it is said, carried goods to the extent of \$18,000. Just three years ago he failed and compromised \$15,000 of liabilities at 55 per cent. There are those who think that this was more than the estate could well afford to pay at that time. However, they have both assigned with nominal assets and liabilities each estimated about \$17,000.

It gives us pleasure to hear from the Nova Scotia Paint Works, and to receive one of their very novel and attractive calendars. The upper part of this is devoted to an illumination consisting of thirty-five squares of various-colored samples of the thirty-five tints they produce

in Anchor brand Japanese enamel paint, intended for art furniture, wood or iron baths. Some of the names of these tints are rather "catchy": such as Eau de Nil, Wedgewood Blue, Hedgesparrow Egg, Electric Turquoise, Imperial Red, and so on. In the body of the calendar is water-marked on each monthly sheet Brandram's B. B. Whitelead, of which Messrs. Henderson and Potts say they are the sole makers in Canada.

THE bankrupt stock of W. S. Fraser, of Point Edward, was sold by auction to Mr. Henry Macklin for 46 cents on the dollar.

SMITH BROS., dealers in fruits, etc., Toronto, have suspended payment. They have been a long time in business, and were supposed to have been making good progress.

IN the case of Messrs. Turgeon, Darveau & Co., shoe manufacturers, Mr. John Rochette has been nominated guardian, says the *Quebec Chronicle*.—Mr. O. Lefebvre, grocer, has assigned his estate, and Mr. Matte has been named curator.

WE regret to note trouble in the Montreal leather trade, a demand of assignment having been served upon Hua, Richardson & Co., an old established and conservative concern, by the Bank of Commerce.

THE sudden death of Mr. Wilbur R. Vining, the treasurer of the London Mutual Fire Insurance Company for nearly twenty years, was announced from London, Ont., on Wednesday. He had been ailing from a rheumatic affection for some time past. Mr. Vining was very generally respected. Beginning life as a carpenter, he moved on to a farm in West Nissouri, where he was reeve for eight years.

THE Montreal firm of Jas. Brown & Son, dealing in Canadian staples in the dry goods line, have assigned, owing some \$23,000 for goods and about \$15,000 to bankers. The senior partner has been in business over 35 years. The present firm was unfortunate in 1886, meeting with a severe loss by the flood that year, and were obliged to effect a settlement at 75c. on the dollar.

A MEMBER of the Farmers' Alliance in the States, Dr. H. M. Taylor, has drafted a bill calling for a loan of \$150,000,000 by the United States government to the people of Indiana, the same to be secured by mortgages on farms. The money is to be loaned for twenty years and to draw interest at 5 per cent. This, says *Bradstreet's*, is said to be the scheme of the Farmers' Alliance in several States. The bill was forwarded to Senator Pepper to be introduced into the United States Senate.

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