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Portland and losion Railway Companies are at variance, and the point in dispute is suid to be a demand by the Grand Trunk to be guaranteed against loss from accidents at the crossing at Longneuii. To the public at large the curious feature of this disagreement is that both companies take it for granted "accidents" will take place at that particular point, scenningly forgetful of the adage "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." It is conjectured the matter may yet come before the Railway Committee of the Privy Council.

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- In view of the fact that Canada is one day to be a great manufacturing centre the following item of timely information may have special interest. "It is thought that before long the cotton mills in New England will be built with one story. The advantages claimed are increased safety, convenience, and higher speed for machinery. A gingham company has tried the experiment, and finds that a building of that description, covering about an area, cost \$23,000, and saved in gas alone a sum equal to the interest on the cost of the building, and obtained an increased speed of 12 per cent."

— Silas Welte, cabinet maker, of Harriston, Ont., established over fifteen years, recently found himself compelled to make an assignment, and now seeks a settlement at 30 cents on the dollar, giving paper at 6 and 12 months, endorsed by his son. The liabilities are stated at \$2,150 and assets \$1,510, the latter consisting of book accounts, some furniture, partly in an infinished state, and a mortgage of \$600 on property sold his son. Mr. Welte's trouble is commonly understood to arise from building too extensively after a fire more than a year

part of which was never realized. - A writ of attachment has been issued against George Rochester, of Burnstown, Ont, a prominent resident of the Township of McNab in the County of Renfrew. An effort was very recently made to divide the said County for registration purposes, and the County Council even went so far as to petition the Government in the matter. The Mowat Administration, however, very properly decided that the move was quite unnecessary and threw out the petition, to the infinite disgust of the insolvent above named, for whom the Registrarship of the South Riding was intended. Mr. Rochester will have to smooth off the rough edges of bankruptcy otherwise than by means of the sweets of office.

- A writ of attachment has been issued against the firm of Thomson & Co., proprietors of the International Park, Point Edward, on the Grand Trunk Railway. As far as can be ascertain the firm is composed of T. W. Thomson of Toronto and W. S. Robertson. These gentlemen arrived there about 2 months since, having leased a tract of land from the Grand Trunk Co., about 2 miles from Sarnia, for the purpose of converting it into a park for excursions, &c. They obtained considerable credit from the merchants of Sarnia and Point Edward, and, having failed to keep their promises to pay, some of their creditors, becoming suspicious that all was not right, had a writ of attachment issued against them. The assignee is now in charge. The day has not yet been named for the first meeeting of creditors.

- John Taylor Clifford, a careful and indus-

trious blacksmith, of Guelph, Ont., owes \$1,180 and has only \$700, nominal value, to pay it with. Doubtless Clifford's brow was often "wet with honest sweet," and "the muscles of his brawny arm" were fully equal to the requirements of his vocation, but he could not keep accounts, hence his present dilemma. We wish our friend of the anvil well, and hope that his neighbors may soon again "hear his bellows blow," and "see him wield the trusty sledge," but we would advise him to take example by the village blacksmith's method of bookkeeping, described so happily by Longfellow :

" He carns whate'er he can,

- And looks the whole world in the face
- For he owes not any man."

- The following item, which we clip from the Boston Commercial Bulletin, brings to light, as we believe, an entirely new source of risk and liability to insurance companies : " PAYING . IN-SURANCE TWICE OVER .--- A rather unusual case in which the decision seems to bear somewhat harshly upon the insurance company, has just been decided by the United States Circuit Court at St. Paul, Minn. The suit was that of the Farrington minors against the National Life Insurance Company, and the decision is that the plaintiff shall receive \$1000 with interest. The insurance money has been paid once to the mother of the children; but it was shown that the children had not received the profits of the same, and the case went to the jury on the issue whether in the use made of the money the minors had received their share. The jury said not and gave them a verdict of \$1000."