

A man in Manitoba named Alexander Fleming has been condemned to three years imprisonment for arson.

ADVICES from St. John dated Saturday last say that Jos. I. Noble, custom boot and shoe dealer, has assigned, owing between three and four thousand dollars.

"HONEST JOHN" McAdam, of St. Stephen, a well-known retired lumberman, who had been for many years M.P.P. and later M.P., died on Friday last, at the age of 86.

A WINNIPEG paragraph says that the Bank of Ottawa, having purchased 42 feet on Main street adjoining their present premises, intend to erect a substantial building for their business.

We find that we were wrong in stating last week that Tunstead & Co., hat manufacturers at Hamilton, were seeking a compromise. They are simply asking an extension of time from creditors. We regret the misstatement.

THE St. John correspondent of the Montreal Gazette learns that overtures have been made to the proprietors of the rolling mills and cut nail factories in that city looking to their purchase by a syndicate comprising Canadian and American capital. Harris & Co.'s rolling mills and those of Burpee & Co., at Coldbrook, and Moore's and Foster's nail factories are involved.

In the fall of 1891 two men named Stickles & McBride grew tired of farming and opened a general store at Lisle, Ont., each investing \$1,000 in the business. One of the firm, on being questioned as to their position a year after they had begun to play at storekeeping, replied that they had a stock of \$3,500 and the same amount in outstandings due them from customers, but he did not know what their liabilities were; probably, he added, the other member of the firm knew. Under this sort of management it can be no surprise to hear that the firm did not succeed or to hear of their assignment.

In Kingston, we note this week several failures. S. J. Kilpatrick, a contractor, who has been for some years past engaged in the quarry and marble business, has been behind in payments, and repeatedly sued lately, and has had to assign. Liabilities not yet ascertained. —J. G. King, druggist, has effected a compromise at 20 cents on the dollar. Liabilities are about \$11,000, assets only \$4,800, comprised altogether of stock and book-debts.

John McCammon, a butcher of some years standing, has arranged to pay his creditors 35 cents on the dollar.

At the annual meeting of the Fort William Board of Trade, Geo. Graham was elected president, and E. A. Marton, secretary.

A WORTHY man and a good citizen is lost to Montreal in the death of William Christian Munderloh, Imperial German Consul for that city. He had left home on March 1st to join his wife and daughter in California, but was taken ill en route and died in Chicago this week. Born in Germany, Mr. Munderloh had lived in Montreal for thirty-five years, first as a dry goods merchant, later as a shipping and commission agent, representing the Hansa and the Hamburg-American Packet Companies. Deceased was a man of high character, an active member of the Montreal Board of Trade, and this year its second vice-president. He had also been a member of the Council of the Board for ten years.

In June, 1891, Ralph Randall left Port Hope and opened a store at Bewdley, on Rice Lake, investing \$600. Not making progress enough to justify further credit he has assigned to Chas. Langley. —Some years ago E. Betts, restaurant keeper in this city, got into difficulty. Since then the business has been continued in his wife's name. A fire which took place in their premises last month injured the business, and now an assignment has been made to W. A. Campbell. —It is reported that W. W. Lee, confectioner, Woodstock, has gone away. Before leaving he sold his stock, taking along with him all the money he realized.

MONTREAL failures for the week are as follows: —Arnoldi, Gagnon & Co., dry goods, have called a meeting of their creditors: they owe \$10,700 with apparent assets of \$12,000. They were in trouble in 1891 and obtained a compromise, but had to get an extension last spring. —M. J. Lachapelle & Co., also in the dry goods line, have assigned, and owe some \$12,700. It was only last October that they arranged a compromise at the rate of 70 cents on the dollar. —L. E. Morin, jr. & Co., a commission concern handling principally coal oil, are in embarrassed circumstances and have practically suspended. Liabilities are from \$12,000 to \$15,000.

HERE is a group of boot and shoe dealers in difficulties, all Ontario men: Joseph Nicholson, shoemaker at Palmerston, has assigned.

Last week we noted the assignment of Mrs. Wm. Magness, dealer in foot-wear at St. Catharines. She now offers 50 per cent. Her statement shows assets of \$5,300 and liabilities \$4,900. —Another assignment is that of J. C. Anthony, boot and shoe dealer at Stratford. This is not a surprise, as he barely made a living. A meeting of his creditors will be held in London on Monday next. —Joseph Healy, who made and sold shoes at Stratford, has, it is reported, quietly taken his leave of that district, if not of the country. His creditors are not likely to get a dividend.

Two years ago Duncan Sinclair, Alvinston, failed as a merchant at Alvinston, in consequence of the suspension of J. Birrell & Co., wholesale dry goods dealers, London, to whom he owed about \$5,000, his creditors receiving about 85 per cent. of their claim. He now makes an assignment. Usually he carried too much stock. —Early in this month, W. Cornwall, general storekeeper, at Beamsville, was burned out. We now hear of his assignment. —Diggory Braund, an Exeter blacksmith, was seriously crippled by the failure of J. Pickard, some years ago. Since then, it has been difficult for him to make any progress, and now he assigns. —A compromise of 50 per cent. has been arranged by E. Norquay, a Port Dover grocer, on liabilities of \$1,600. —W. H. Widdowfield, blacksmith, in Whitchurch, assigns.

The proposed treaty with France, which is to remove the 30 per cent. *ad valorem* duty on certain wines, meets the opposition of Canadian viticulturists and wine makers. The Wine Manufacturers and Grape Growers' Association of North Essex has appointed delegates to go to Ottawa and memorialize the Government in relation to the matter. And these delegates are to-day being joined at Toronto by others from the counties of Lincoln and Welland, who likewise contend that the passage of the treaty admitting French clarets free would cripple the wine makers of Canada, and the grape growers as well. One of these gentlemen has stated that in the county of Essex alone, including Pelee Island, we presume, there is 2,000 acres of vineyards. What area is under vines around Grimsby and Niagara, and near Hamilton, we do not know, but judging from the figures above quoted, and from the quantity of wine now produced in Canada, the industry has already become an important one.

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