

JOHN EWING kept a clothing store in the village of Arthur for about four years. Not being any too attentive to business he has not succeeded, and now, we learn, he has assigned to a Toronto merchant.—J. W. Miller, a shoe-dealer, has been in Peterboro over twenty years. During a large portion of this time he has been in business, and the present failure is not the first one.—A butcher in St. Thomas, James Barry, has assigned.—John Ayling, a brick maker in Shelburne has become involved and assigned. His property is heavily mortgaged.—Robt. Gray, a small grocer in Toronto, has got into trouble and made an assignment to E. R. C. Clarkson. The stock has been sold and there is little, if anything, left to pay creditors. He owes over \$800.—J. Urwitz, jeweller in this city, whom we noted last week as having left the country, has assigned.

WITHIN four miles from Midland is the old and picturesque village of Penetanguishene, which for its natural beauty if for nothing else will well repay a visit. The town itself is built on the hills facing the Georgian Bay, and has one of the finest harbors on the bay, which is studded with islands. In population the town equals if not exceeds Midland. It possesses a good roller mill, that of Copeland & Son, the working capacity of which is 125 barrels daily. Craig & Payette have lately built a brick foundry, employing a dozen or more hands. Several large saw mills are situated here, which Mr. Henry Jennings states have an average capacity of 12,000,000 feet yearly. Most of the business blocks are of brick and would do credit to any town. There is no regular bank agency at Penetang, but there appears to be a good opening for one.

THE DOMINION EXHIBITION.

The attendance at the Dominion Exhibition, Sherbrooke, increased very materially on later days, as our correspondent's letter of Tuesday, 28th ult. considered probable. On Wednesday of last week, 10,790 persons paid for admission and on Thursday, 13,152, so that the total attendance must have been not far from 30,000. The display of livestock was notable; the number of entries in the various classes reached nine hundred and fifty. The horses head the list with 309 entries, cattle coming next with 300; pigs 184 and sheep 157.

With commendable public spirit, the Eastern Townships Bank offered special prizes for the best six pairs of oxen from any one town or county. The first was taken by Mrs. Pierce of Stanstead, who also captured the premium given by Hon. M. H. Cochrane for the best pair of Hereford heifers calved in 1885. R. R. LeBarre, of Eaton, obtained the prize, also given by Mr. Cochrane, for the best herd of grade short-horns. We can subscribe to the remarks of the *Montreal Star* as to pure red Canadian cattle. It was truly, "a great pity that there was not a more representative show, as the prizes offered by the Commissioner of Agriculture (\$275), and the medals by the Lieut.-Governor of Quebec, were good, while the stock shown was anything but that. It was a laughing matter when one came to examine the things—one can hardly call them cattle, which carried off the prizes. As one well-known Montreal judge remarked of them, 'you could hang up your hat on any part of them.' Such an exhibition gives a very false impression to the general public, of the really useful and profitable breed of native cattle."

As already remarked, the display of manufactured goods was worthy of the occasion.

The regulations of the management as regards exhibitors were, however, such as gave offence to not a few. Another time, the authorities will probably think it wise to treat exhibitors from a distance with greater liberality. In their anxiety to swell the revenue, the directors of the Fair permitted exactions which were the reverse of encouraging to firms and companies which had gone to great trouble and expense in making the display of manufactures what it was. Experience will teach the management, if it have not already done so, that, as has been found elsewhere, a liberal policy rather than a narrow one towards exhibitors of machines and products of the factory, is the way to build up an annual exhibition. It is only fair to the authorities at Sherbrooke to say that, upon remonstrance by a number of exhibitors from abroad, some of the objectionable rules were relaxed.

The Smith & Elkins Manufacturing Co. did credit to themselves and Sherbrooke by their exhibit of steam-engines and other machinery. The sweet strains of the Bell Organs were heard daily throughout the building. The Waterous Engine Works once again familiarized the gazing public with their admirable portable saw-mills, steam-engines and farm or factory machines. Threshing machines from Iberville and Terrebonne, Que., as well as Smith's Falls and Montreal, jostled their competitors from Western Ontario.

Adam Lomas & Son, of Sherbrooke, had a booth at the Dominion show, whose roof and sides were of red, white and blue plain flannels. It is wainscotted with tweeds, shelved with yarns furnished with imitation Ottomans composed of rolls of linings, jersey-goods, dress goods and rugs. Disposed about this snug, but uncarpeted room, are horse-blanketings, and home-spuns, Halifax tweeds and a further variety of woollens for which the writer could neither find nor invent names, but all, we understand, the product of their mills.

Perhaps the most note-worthy feature of the main building was the extensive and really admirable display of cigars and fancy products of tobacco with which S. Davis & Sons of Montreal carried off the palm. Show-cases filled with cigars—tinsel-covered, labelled, disposed in forms as tasteful and varied as the fancy can conceive; boxes and cabinets containing cigars; mirrors and transparencies reflecting cigars; flags and banners celebrating cigars; show-cards, photographs, engravings, illustrating cigars; smokers perfuming the air with the odor of cigars. Always and everywhere, DAVIS' cigars. Here and there,

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too, were fantastic forms of tobacco, the result of experiments in fabrication of the leaf. An elephant, with clock-work in its interior, walking to and fro on a great plane of glass—a section of the latest sea-serpent—a miniature Hanlan—liquor kegs—fence-palings—sailboats, all deftly made of tobacco, the delight of visitors and the envy of competitors. One could readily believe, as we were told, that the exhibit was covered by insurance to the extent of \$10,000. And then the Mobile Minstrels! What a centre of attraction they were as, clothed, one in scarlet, another in green, the next in flaming yellow or sober gray, they made stately parade of the corridors, singing plantation melodies in chorus and celebrating on every available surface of their jaunty persons the "Madre e Hijo," the "El Padre," the "Cable," and other brands which have made the products of this great Montreal factory a household word throughout Canada. Certain it is that Mr. Eugene Davis understands the art of attractive advertising.

—A movement is on foot in Halifax to start a Building and Loan Association on the Ontario model, and some well-known capitalists of that city have the matter in hand. The only building societies in Nova Scotia, so far as we know, is one in Halifax of considerable magnitude, but old-fashioned in its methods, and one small one in Yarmouth. There are also one or two concerns in New Brunswick, not, however, of extensive scope.

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