

OUR CARD BASKET.

THE following is a list of those who have favored us with a call since the date of our last issue.

Haskin, Laidlaw, Galt, Chas. Draper, of Messrs. Chas. Draper & Sons, Canton, Mass.; Kemp, of Messrs. McDonald, Kemp & Co., tire manufacturers, Toronto; A. E. Dalley & Co., Hamilton; Frank J. Phillips, of the Cobban Manufacturing Company, Toronto; R. Lang, tanner, Berlin; Samuel May, of Messrs. Samuel May & Co., billiard table manufacturers, Toronto; James Watson, President Strathroy Knitting Company, Hamilton; W. H. Storey, of Messrs. W. H. Storey & Co., glove manufacturers, Acton; R. R. Pringle, Cobourg; O. Wilby, of the Weston Woolen Co., Weston; S. S. Myers and E. F. Duffon, of Messrs. Duffon and Myers, woolen manufacturers, Stratford and St. Mary's; James Kendry, of the Auburn Woolen Mills Co., Peterborough; T. B. Caldwell, of Boyd, Caldwell & Co., woolen manufacturers, Lemark; T. G. Van Egmond, of A. G. Van Egmonds' Sons, Seaford; David Graham, woolen manufacturer, Inglewood and Clinton; Geo. Pattinson, of Robinson, Howell & Co., woolen manufacturers, Preston; James Gillies, of Gillies, Sons & Co., woolen manufacturers, of Carleton Place; Bennett Rosamond, of the Rosamond Woolen Co., Almonte; J. Elliott, of Elliott & Co., woolen manufacturers, Almonte; W. Rosamond of the Cobourg Woolen Co., Cobourg; John Shuh, of the Waterloo Woolen Manufacturing Co., Waterloo; D. Morrice, of D. Morrice Sons & Co., Montreal; J. A. Cantlie, of Cantlie, Ewan & Co., Montreal; John Ellis, of Ellis & Godfrey, woolen manufacturers, Galt; James Lockhart, Toronto; G. B. Fraser, Toronto; H. A. Collinson, of the Whitman and Barnes Manufacturing Company, St. Catharines; P. Patterson, of Patterson & Bro., manufacturers of agricultural implements, Richmond Hill; James Newton, of Newton & Bro., tanners, Richmond Hill; Robert Williams, of R. S. Williams & Sons, piano manufacturers, Toronto; Wm. Christie, of Christie, Brown & Co., biscuit manufacturers, Toronto; Karl Zeidler, of Wagner, Zeidler, & Co., piano key manufacturers, Toronto; Wm. Burn, of the Burn & Robinson Manufacturing Company, Hamilton; John Hallam, of the Grand River Knitting Mills Company, Paris; W. Millichamp, show case manufacturer, Toronto; Geo. Booth, of Geo. Booth & Son, coppersmiths, Toronto; Mr. Wilcox, of the American Nail Works, Hamilton; Frank J. Phillips, of the Cobban Manufacturing Company, Toronto; John Inglis, of Messrs. Inglis & Hunter, engine builders, Toronto; Mr. Langley, of Messrs. Langley, Neill, & Co., hat manufacturers, Toronto; P. Freyseng, cork manufacturer, Toronto; H. A. Massey, of the Massey Manufacturing Company, Toronto; H. S. Howland, jr., of the Permanent Exhibition of Manufactures, Toronto; James Barnard, of the Hart Emery Wheel Company, Hamilton; M. Staunton, of M. Staunton & Co., wall paper manufacturers, Toronto; Joseph Simpson, knit goods manufacturer, Toronto; Mr. Currie, of Currie, Mylne, & Co., boiler makers, Toronto; C. A. Birge, of the Canada Screw Company, Dundas; J. F. Ellis, of the Barber and Ellis Co., manufacturing stationers, Toronto; W. A. Firstbrook, of Firstbrook Bros., Toronto.

THE total commercial product of coal of all kinds in 1885 in the United States, based upon figures collected by the Bureau of Mineral Statistics, was 95,834,705 long tons valued at \$152,915,108. This is exclusive of the coal consumed at the mines.

A TRIAL has recently been made in New York city of fireproof wood. About 300 insurance men of that State were witnesses one evening last week of an experiment testing the fire-proof qualities of a building lately erected by P. M. Wilson at Hudson and Bank streets. The flooring of the building is formed of two thicknesses of plank, with asbestos between them. The effectiveness of this was tested by building a large fire upon a piece of the floor, and raising heat enough to bake a bushel of clams laid upon it. Notwithstanding the high temperature the floor was not materially injured.

NO COMPROMISE.

A MONTREAL FIRM SPEAKS OUT PLAINLY--THE SHOE TRADE

WE find the following in the *Toronto Telegram*, Dec. 1st.

The leather trade is far from lively at present, and the recent failures of large houses in the Lower Province have not added to its stability. In Toronto happily the insolvency of Charlesworth & Co. will probably be the only one of note, but in Montreal matters are far from hopeful. In reference to Charlesworth & Co. the worst effect arising from the assignment will be the number of smaller firms it has dragged down to ruin with it. The mercantile lists for the present week show numerous small dealers who have suffered commercial destruction through connection with the big Toronto house. A meeting of the creditors is being held this afternoon, when some final disposition will be made of the matter by the creditors.

Appropos of extensions and liberal compromises, the following circular was received by Mr. E. R. C. Clarkson from a Montreal house to whom he had submitted, as assignee, the offer of a western firm of a compromise at 75c. on the dollar:—

"Being convinced that the sustaining of insolvent firms in business by accepting compromises is injurious to trade, and unfair to those who pay in full, we have decided not to accede to any compromise during the year 1886.

"We are at all times willing to give any reasonable renewal or sign for granting an extension of time, or to do anything to assist a firm to pay its way, but will not become a party to assist men to injure legitimate trade by giving them goods at less prices than firms who pay one hundred cents on the dollar.

"P.S.—The object of this circular is to avoid being asked and the necessity of refusing to sign a compromise."

Mr. Clarkson is perfectly in accord with the sentiments expressed in the communication, with the proviso that there are exceptions to every rule. The principle, however, he says, is incontrovertible, and if the western merchants followed the example of the Montreal firm there would be fewer attempts to defraud creditors.

AMERICAN PATENTS TO CANADIAN INVENTORS.

THE following patents were granted to citizens of the Dominion of Canada, bearing date November 16th, 1886. Reported expressly for this paper by Louis Bagger & Co., Mechanical Experts and Solicitors of Patents, Washington, D.C.:—

Gemmel, Robert, Columbus, Ont., car-coupling	352,534
Loughlin, T. O., Spanish River, Ont., saw	352,624
Richards, D. L., St. John, N.B., car-coupling	352,661
Smith, Richard, Sherbrooke, Que., doctor for paper-calender rolls	352,665
Sym, Hugh, Montreal, Que., apparatus for removing and replacing the wheels and axles of railway-cars	352,587

Dated Nov. 30:—

Burris, S. C., Victoria, B.C., molding machine	352,285
O'Neill, John, Hamilton, Ont., lock-fastening for bottom-hoops of milk cans	353,611
Waddell, Montgomery, Cobourg, Ont., electric-current indicator	353,619

TOWNSEND COX of the New York Forest Commission, who was at the Hoffman House, said that the acreage of the forest land owned by the State is increasing yearly by the accumulation of land sold for unpaid taxes. The State has over 1,000,000 acres of timber land at the present time. There is a good deal of trespassing, and Mr. Cox estimates the value of timber stolen last year at \$150,000 to \$200,000. The work of the commission is largely to protect the forests from destruction. The loss from thieving is larger than from fire, and next to that is drowning out of trees by the damming of streams, which turns the water back and spreads it over large areas.