12 months extension. Jno. MacLeod & Co., hardware, Bowmanville, have been attached. Amongst assignments we notice those of S. & N. Moore, general dealers, St. Marys, W. Kyle, shoes, Dundas; Jno. Mullaly, grocer, and Childs & Company, shoe manufacturers, this city. The attachment issued against Campbell & Schulenberg, lumber, Windsor, has been quashed. In the fortnight ending 13th March, 8 compromises are announced. 20 traders, being grocers, general store men and hotel keepers mostly have gone out of business; 38 traders were attached, 8 of them general dealers; 20 assigned, 6 of them general merchants, and 4 grocers; 17 dissolutions took place.

Ir money be power, says the Whitehall Review, what a force is S. W. Mackay, who thirty years ago was a penniless boy in Ireland. Twenty years ago he travelled through the United States as a speculative salesman, and in 1862 was a bankrupt. To-day, at the age of 45, Mr. Mackay owns three-eighths of the great Bonanza, the richest silver mine ever discovered, and draws out of Nevada a yearly income of £2,750,000, which is at the rate of 5 per cent. on a capital of \$55,000,000. It is curious to note the income of the four richest men on earth, in pounds sterling:-

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Westminster. Capital. 16,000,000 Per year 800,000	Nevada. 50,000,000 1,000,000	child. 40,000,000 2,()0,c00	55,000,000 2,750,000
Per month 60,000 Per day 2,000 Per hour 60		5,000	7,000

Mr. Mackay's fortune increases £5 every minute.

THE firms of W. A. Foster & Co., and W. A. Foster & Brother, of Belleville, must have done a large business and a varied one. The list of their creditors is extensive; there are 32 creditors of the firm for \$56,024; 12 of W. A.'s individually for \$5,015; 3 of Daniel's individually, and then two banks rank against the estate of the senior for \$46,503. The claims are for sums of \$100 up to \$6,500, and tor all sorts of goods from coal and butter to boots and shoes and clothing. They are not confined to Belleville, nor to Canada, for Oswego, Rochester and Chicago are represented.

THOSE who imagined that Kincardine's trade was dead, ought to be rejoiced to see in the Bruce Reporter of recent date ten columns of an interesting review of the trade of that town, from which she seems to be considerably alive. The grain exports for last year were 213,740 bushels, one-half more than in 1876. Of pork \$325,000 as against \$371,000 in the previous year. The list of merchants and traders given in the review named gives promise of renewed activity.

A ST. JOHN architect has been engaged to plan, and Boston contractors to build, under the supervision of a St. John builder, a handsome new banking-house for the Bank of New Brunswick, upon the old site, on Prince William street in that city, the old building having succumbed to the great fire of June last. Light colored Port Philip stone will be used for the front, which will have a portico of six Corinthian

columns, thirty feet high. The dimensions of the building will be 70x100 feet, and the banking-room will extend from street to street, the rear of the building on Water street, having room for two warehouses, 22x46 feet each. It is needless to say that the prudent authorities of this bank have resolved that everything about this new structure shall possess the character of solidity and convenience.

-A provision of the New York State Law reads that: "All hoistways, well holes and trap doors shall be closed at the completion of the business of each day by the occupant for the building having use or control of the same. And for any accident or injury to life and limb resulting directly or indirectly from neglect to properly comply with the statute, the person so offending shall be responsible in case of death in a sum of not less than five thousand dollars, and for any fire resulting from such neglect the offenders shall be liable to the penalty of the crime of arson, and to suit for damages for all injury to property." It is found, however, that these open passages, left open in despite of the law and acting as channels, make fires more destructive than they might be. The extent of fire on Yonge street, the other day, was much enlarged, we understand, by the hoist in Childs & Co.'s store acting as a flue.

-What a contrast, to turn from the Budget Speech of Mr. Cartwright, and read the annual report of commerce in New South Wales for 1877, underdate Sydney, 3rd January. It says: "Credit has, in spite of serious drawbacks, been good throughout the year, and we can report no failure of any importance." It may be noticed, that again in May, 1877, Government (N.S.W.) had a surplus of £3,000,000 stg. in the Trea-

OIL MATTERS IN PETROLIA.

Petrolia, March 12, '78. Business is generally very flat. Some gentlemen connected with the Oil Refining Association, of London, have been developing; they struck oil in two weeks, one about 5 bbls. per day, the other reported at 100 bbls.; but on testing, the latter produces but about 10 bbls. per day; this line of business is sadly falling off. The shipments for the week ending 7th of March, are crude, 1,929 bbls.; Distillate, 70 bbls.; Refined, 74 bbls. No new wells to report; no sales of lands, in fact everything quiet.

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