THE general stock of W. S. Given, at Paisley, Ont., was sold at 56 per cent., and the stock at the Tiverton store at 61 per cent. The grocery stock of G. W. Prittie, Toronto, realized 68 cents in the dollar.

MR. J. MURPHY is putting up a building at South Westminster, B. C., for a salmon drying and salting factory, and expects to employ about a dozen men during the season curing salmon for exportation.

Business is evidently on the mend in Moncton, N.B. The latest addition to the business houses of the city is a branch of the Wingham, Ont., flour mills, the manager of which is M. A. Hutton. This is the second Ontario mill with a branch in Moncton.

THE Schepp Company, who do one of the largest American trades in cocoanuts, have a Canadian branch in Hamilton. There is a rumor that they are dissatisfied with their accommodations and are considering a removal to Toronto.

THE Canadian Controller of Customs has decided that brass pumps are properly dutiable at 35 per cent. as "pumps." It would appear that some collectors have been passing them as manufactures of brass dutiable at 30 per cent. but the controller intends that the tax shall be kept up to the highest possible figure.

THE wholesale millinery men of Montreal want cheap rates from all over the country to their autumn openings. They have petitioned the railway companies to that effect. No answer has as yet been received to the petition. We are informed, however, that the railroads will not give cheap rates from Kingston east to Montreal, although for Kingston west they may issue excursion tickets.

In Montreal the nailmakers of Pillow, Hersey & Co., and those of Peck & Benny, have been out on strike for the last ten or twelve days. The difficulty arose out of the fact that the usual agreement, made in June for the ensuing year, would not be entered into by the above firms; they simply wanted the scale to be in force till January 1, 1894. This did not suit the men, as it deprived them of the security that work in the winter would be given them. However, when the men saw that operatives in the rolling mills would not join them, and having learned that there was a large amount of stock on hand, they decided to return, and on the 11th about three hundred and fifty of them returned to work.

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WE learn that the firm of J. M. Burke & Co., private bankers at Kaslo, B.C., has suspended payment. This is really a branch bank of John Burke, of Tacoma, who had several branches in the States of Washington and

MINNEDOSA, Manitoba, wants a branch bank, and a number of its "business men" (a Reverend and an M.P.P. among them) went to Winnipeg some days ago to see if they could not secure the opening of one. Morden, too, seeks for a branch bank.

THERE is a general feeling that Canada's reputation in the cheese market must be maintained, and we are glad to see that the inspectors are doing their duty. Two farmers near Perth will remember that milk when delivered to the factory must neither be skimmed nor watered, since they have been fined \$20 and \$30 respectively.

AFTER being a long time in the general store business at Beeton, and having accumulated a large amount of old stock, J. C. Richardson succeeded in making a good sale, presumably for cash, a few days before the fire in Beeton a week ago. At this fire the stock in question was destroyed, and now he makes an assignment. It does not appear as yet whether Richardson has the cash for his sale.

A FIRM in Victoria, B.C., shipped on the 5th instant, to London, the first consignment of this year's sealskins. There were about 1,000 skins. The firm of Robert Ward & Co. had received at that date from Vancouver 32 cases of sealskins. The Collector of Customs has received letters from Sitka announcing that the seized sealer "Henrietta" was awaiting owners to claim her.

WE are pleased to learn that the Canmore Coal Mining Company, which carries on operations in the Alberta district of the North-West Territories, has had successful results from their last year's business. Their output for the year 1892-93 amounts to 47,000 tons, and the company expects during 1893-94 to turn out 75,000 tons. The company has had, as it were, to "feel its way" as regards its market; and, as a consequence, the mines were worked only a portion of the year, or a sufficient length of time to produce the amount of coal actually consumed. In connection with their two mines about 300 persons are employed, all told, the pay sheet totalling \$12,000 to \$15,000 monthly.

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On Tuesday last, July 11th, a through car of California fruit, comprising 607 crates apricots, 405 boxes peaches, 100 boxes pears and 50 boxes plums, was offered for sale at the Fruit Exchange, 185 McGill street, Montreal. This car is specially built and fitted for the trade, going direct from far California to Montreal.

No one would have imagined from the apparent extent of his general business at Three Rivers, that Joseph Petitolero owed \$10,000. But so it is stated. He has assigned after two years in business.--A trader of St. Helene de Bagot, J. A. Chicoine, has assigned. The liabilities are put at \$3,200, with assets apparent of \$3,400 --- P. Bourgeois, a contracting builder at St. Martin, near Montreal, has assigned. He owes only about \$1,500.

THE St. John Globe asks, "Where is William Bradley?" referring to a retail grocer of that name, who succeeded his late father some time in June. He was seen in the shop at 10 o'clock p.m., on Friday, 23rd June, but has not been seen since. As he was known to have a considerable sum of money at that time, anxiety is felt as to his whereabouts. "Mr. Bradley was not a drinking man, he was not financially involved and his strange disappearance is a mystery."

Some time ago the Bishop Furniture Co., of Winnipeg, confessed judgment to its banker for \$8,000. It now makes assignment, but this is not the first time. Shortly after the boom in that city it assigned and creditors only realized about 6 per cent. of their claim. The stock was then sold to Mrs. Bishop, and she has since continued as above stated. A year ago she submitted a statement showing assets of \$22,000 and liabilities of \$8,500, thus showing a surplus of \$13,500.

WE notice the following business changes in Manitoba. H. F. Despars, who has carried on a hardware business in Winnipeg, sells out to E. Guilbaut.---Wilson, Williams & Hilton, of Winnipeg, manufacturers of spices, etc., dissolve, Mr. Wilson retiring; the firm is now styled Williams & Wilson. -—Mr. Martindale retires from the wholesale grocery firm of Turner, McKeand & Co., of Winnipeg, while D. Nasmith is admitted; the name of the firm continues unchanged.—The firm of R. Logan & Co., who do a banking business in Carberry, Glenboro and McGregor, undergo alteration by the retirement of H. Crowe.

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