THREE bankrupt stocks of goods have been sold this week at auction by Suckling, Cassidy & Co. These were that of Blake Lancey, of Petrolea, dry goods, etc., amounting to \$21,232, bought by Kent & Co., Orangeville, for 56½ cents on the dollar. That of Benjamin Corbett, Toronto, \$1,550, was sold to B. R. Teddie, London, for 73 cents on the dollar. That of M. R. Kidd, Peterboro', clothing and groceries, \$6,627, was sold to Gough Bros., of Toronto, at 60½ cents on the dollar.

MANUFACTURERS' NOTES.

We are told that a broom factory will shortly be established in Guelph.

The proprietor of the Beet Root Sugar Refinery at Farnham, Que., contemplates shortly removing his factory to St. Hyacinthe.

The shipments of Lake Superior iron ores up to August 13, 1890, amounted to 4,617,051 tons. This is 520,679 tons in excess of the shipments for the corresponding time last year.

A despatch from New Glasgow states that Mr. A. P. Willis returned to Montreal last week, and that he organized there the "Willis Piano and Organ Co." with paid-up capital of \$50,000.

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Application has been made for power to increase the capital stock of the Peterborough Lock Manufacturing Company from \$50,000 to \$200,000 by the issue of 1,500 additional shares.

An establishment for fruit evaporating is to be opened in Brockville in a fortnight by Mr. Lavell, an American gentleman. It is expected to employ forty hands for several months.

Lucknow ratepayers will shortly vote on a loan of \$5,000 to Cliff & Forster, furniture manufacturers. The firm is to pay back 250 a year for ten years, and at the expiration of that term to pay back the balance.

The Berlin Piano Company (limited) has been incorporated with a total capital stock of \$100,000. The first directors are Messrs. H. L. Janzen, J. Kaufman, Benjamin Schlichter, L. J. Breithaupt and Martin Nelson.

We observe the incorporation of the Hanover Spring-Bed and Upholstering Company, with a capital stock of \$25,000, in shares of \$100 each. The directors are Messrs. E. A. Goodeve, Thomas Telford, Robert Price, D. Knechtel, H. H. Muller and Chris. Myers.

United States returns place the export of coal to Canada during the fiscal year 1890 at 1,305,000 tons, as compared with 1,372,000 tons in 1889, a falling off equal to 24 per cent. This does not mean that we are using less coal, but that we use more of our own.

The C.P.R. are very anxious to get the generous Manitoba grain crop promptly moved, and have given contracts to London, Ottawa, and Kingston car-works for as many as each establishment can produce of 1,300 box cars. It is specified that they must be ready by 1st October next.

Wood stone is the name of a new compound material composed of sawdust and calcined magnesia. The mixture, having been well worked up with water, is put into moulds and pressed into whatever shape may be desired. A scientific authority says it is incombustible

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We learn from the Sackville Post that Messrs. W. T. Costigan & Co., of Montreal, have rented the lobster factory at Campobello, N.B., for the purpose of canning sardines in oil and mustard. They are now busy putting in new plant, and it is expected the factory will be running full swing by the end of the month, employing 40 or 50 hands.

It is stated by the Dundas Banner that all the Gurney factory premises in that town except the warehouse have been bought by Jas. Chegwin, who will proceed to put a dam across the creek to furnish power. He wil utilize part of the building himself and rent the rest. Just now he is busy getting out a contract for between two and three hundred Anthony steel plate furnaces for J. M. Williams, of Hamilton.

Cotton mill men at Fall River, Mass., declare that they are losing money at present prices of products. Taking existing prices of cotton and the selling price of cloth, the mills are losing about two fifths of a cent on every yard of cloth sold. They argue that the help should now share in the hard times, and talk of reducing wages. Curtailment is hard to agree upon, as those mills will not agree to curtail unless all New England does. At the monthly meeting of the Progressive Weavers' Association on Saturday night, resolutions were adopted endorsing the action taken by the cotton manufacturers in their efforts to curtail production, and suggesting another week's stoppage in September. They say that the 60 hours' curtailment hitherto has only been an aggravation to the market.

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