

assignment of his estate. J. C. Beauvais & Co., dry goods merchants, of the same city, have also failed and assigned. In Quebec, Gagnon & Dion, jobbing and retail grocers, have assigned.

THE Boston Chamber of Commerce adopted on Monday last resolutions favoring the appointment of commissioners both for the settlement of fishing rights and for the negotiation of an equitable treaty of reciprocity with Canada and Newfoundland.

IN THE summer of last year H. Simon came from Brantford to Stratford and opened a clothing and second-hand goods shop. He had been in the same business in Hamilton. A few weeks ago he gave a chattel mortgage to I. Simon, and on the 22nd December he assigned.

A MERCHANT writing from Brandon on the 26th ult., says: "Since the wheat began to be marketed, business has been 'rushing.' For November the daily average of wheat brought and shipped from here was over 10,000 bushels, or about \$7000 a day in value. Not half the crop has been thrashed and marketed yet."

WE observe the sale of the retail seeds business of Mr. W. H. Marcon, at Guelph, to Mr. Geo. Dudgeon. It is the intention of Mr. Marcon, we understand, to remove his wholesale department to Niagara Falls.—Messrs. Hutchinson & Burns, long well-known carriage builders in Toronto, have dissolved. Hutchinson & Son continue.

A SUBSCRIBER at Millbank, sending us good wishes at Christmas-Tide, is so kind as to say: "I think a great deal of your paper, and look for it every week as I do for my meals, as it is a good feeder of the mind. I could not do without it if it cost twice the amount it does, as no other paper in Ontario fills the place of it and I take seven others."

THE premises and plant of the St. Lawrence Pulp and Paper Co. of Sorel, Que., are advertised for sale by tender. This company was organized several years ago to manufacture pulp and paper from *herbe a lien*, a sort of rush which grows largely around Lake St. Peter, and which it is claimed makes excellent paper stock, but the company has apparently met with little success.

THE Supreme Court of Connecticut has reversed the decision of the Superior Court in the case of Griswold vs. N. Y. & N. E. Road. Griswold was killed while travelling on a free pass, which provided that the company would not be liable for personal injury. The Superior Court had decided for the plaintiff, awarding \$2,000 damages. The Supreme Court does not sustain that decision.

A CORRESPONDENT in Waterford, tells us that business in that place has been rather upset this season by a so called bankrupt stock sent up, we are told, by R. Simpson & Co. of Toronto. They seem to be making quite a business of starting some one in a small way, on commission, in towns and villages and then in a few months, advertising the stock as bankrupt, and then shipping stuff from their Toronto stores to be sold at retail for big prices.

"REGARDING the state of trade in our district," say Henderson & Bull, commission merchants at Winnipeg, "this season is fully up to the average, and we consider the commercial interests are much healthier than they have ever been within the past four years. This is largely owing to the increased yield of marketable grain this year, which proves to be far in excess of what was first reported, and in consequence remittances are far in excess of what was anticipated."

RECENT assignments by traders in Ontario include that of C. W. Roome of McIntyre, Louis Holstein of Iacoe, general dealers, Adams Bros. of Cornwall, grocers, Wm. Tilt of Brampton, clothier, Michael Ford, jr. shoe dealer, Milverton, F. E. Myers, tailor, &c., Picton, Chas. Kelley, fancy goods, Toronto. A number of retailers and tradesmen have sold out. For example, Frank Monkey of Dublin, shoemaker, J. M. Doran, Guelph, grocer, J. M. Webber, harness, Hamilton, C. J. Empson, general store, Harrington, Jas. Milligan, St. Thomas, musical instruments, R. R. Goulding, Tilsonburg, hardware, Knox & Snider, Trenton, tins, &c.

A MEETING of the directors of the Ottawa, Waddington and New York Railway and Bridge Company will be held on 12th January. The capital stock is \$3,000,000. The company proposes to build seventy-six miles of road from Ottawa, Ont., to Canton, N. Y., crossing the St. Lawrence by way of Goose-neck Island, near Waddington. Two bridges will therefore be required, the estimated cost of which is \$1,200,000. Work will be begun on them in the spring. From Canton, connection to Saratoga will be made by the Adirondack Railroad Company's line. Thence connections will be made with the New York Central.

M. LEGER, of the suspended Quebec firm, Leger & Rinfret, was arrested last week. The charges against him were substantially to the effect that notes to the amount of \$23,000 in the hands of the Banque Nationale, which were represented as notes from country dealers, were in reality made and signed by the firm's storekeepers, engineer and other employees, and that fictitious addresses were also added to them. The amounts owing to the banks are stated to be as follows; Banque Nationale, \$34,000; British North America, \$20,000; Union, \$9,000, and Quebec, \$8,000, and a sum to the Merchants' Bank. He has since been liberated.

A. W. VERMILYEA & SON, shoe dealers, of Belleville, have sold out their branch business at Lindsay.—Maitland & Rixon, commission merchants at Owen Sound, write: "We are offering our business for sale and will dissolve the partnership. The interest we hold in the firm of W. Brown & Co., is taken by W. Brown, who will continue the business."—The London firm of Smith & Sadler, plumbers, is dissolved, Sadler retiring.—Rae, Ryan & Co., general dealers, at Thedford, have dissolved. Mr. Rae continues.—E. & S. Costello, traders, at Donald, B.C., has removed to Calgary. J. C. Steen, at the same place, general dealer, has sold out to S. Costello.

IN Belleville, F. A. Fish began business as a dealer in men's furnishings six or seven years ago, in a small way. The concern has not succeeded, and an assignment in trust was made last week to E. Radford, of Montreal.—The Scott Act in Oxford seems to have affected adversely the business of J. M. Wilson & Co., of Ingersoll. At any rate, the firm assigned last week to E. R. C. Clarkson of Toronto.—Isaac Lindsay went to Phelpsston from Orillia in 1884, and bought some property, having previously been of the firm Lindsay Brothers. He bought a stock of about \$800. Finding the pressure too great he assigned a few days ago to the sheriff.

A SUBSCRIBER encloses us one among a number of letters received by a wholesale house in answer to an advt. for a clerk for a country store. "The storekeeper requested me to select a young man from among the applicants" says our correspondent. "The

writer of the enclosed has evidently a very exalted opinion of himself, and on making private enquiries I found him all that one would expect, a 'perfect dude.' Although only 22, he has had already a host of employers, with none of whom he has been able to stay for over a few months. I thought you might like to give his letter a wide circulation, some one may want such valuable help as he describes himself to be." The letter is as under:

Dec. 15.
SIR.—Seeing your ad. in *Evening Telegram* of last night I beg leave to apply for the situation, and by accepting my application you will have the right man in the right place. Have had considerable experience in city and country store. Am 22 years of age, active, energetic and pushing, honest, sober and obliging, of good appearance and address. Could produce any number of first-class testimonials from prominent and influential men of Toronto. Please grant personal interview.

Hoping you will give this your favorable consideration,

I am, sir,
Your obt. servt.,

MANUFACTURERS' NOTES.

It is stated by the *Halifax Chronicle* that the Colonial iron foundry at Sackville, N.B., has shut down, throwing a number out of employment, and that the wages of the employes in Fawcett's iron foundry, at the same place, have been reduced twenty per cent.

The Charlottetown Woolen Factory Company is to be commended for its enterprise in importing from Vermont a thoroughbred Merino ram, with the view of introducing that finewooled class of sheep into Prince Edward Island.

Among many instances of goods lost or stolen in transit, we do not recollect ever before hearing that so bulky a thing as a planing machine had gone a-missing. But the Eureka Manufacturing Co., of Oxford, N.S., on receiving a car load of machinery last week, discovered that a planing machine was missing. It is supposed to have been accidentally thrown from the train along the line of railway.

The St. Croix *Courier* in mentioning changes in the staff of the St. Croix Cotton Mill says that Mr. H. H. Shumway, who has been has been employed in the card room, appointed superintendent of the mill in place of Mr. A. Woodman, resigned. Mr. Lewis Dexter, jr., son of the treasurer, has become agent for the mill. Moreover, in the present clothroom will be placed additional looms, which will bring the whole number in operation up to about one thousand. These working at full time would turn out about thirty-five thousand yards of cotton goods a day. In addition to the gingham and plaids which it now makes, the company is about to weave its first seersuckers.

FOUNTAIN LAKE, at the top of the Cobiquind mountains, N.B., is noted for the extreme whiteness of its bottom. A fisherman took specimens to Montreal for analysis; they contained 72 per cent. of silica, 8 per cent. of alumina, 1 per cent. oxide of iron, and water. The large percentage of silica shows the purity of the deposit and its consequent value. Diatomaceous or infusorial silica, of which deposits have been found in Nevada, New Jersey and Virginia, is now employed in the arts for a variety of purposes, viz: a polish for metals, under the name of tripoli or electric silicon; a non-conductor in refrigerators and fire-proof safes; as an absorbent of nitro glycerine in the manufacture of dynamite; in making of glass enamel, and soluble glass. The present own-