

THE liabilities of H. F. Poirier, dry goods dealer of Montreal, whose failure we lately noted, amount to about \$63,000; assets estimated at \$42,689. He has made an offer of 40 cents in the dollar, half secured, but creditors are holding out for ten cents more.

In the effort to get a pardon for Harper, the Cincinnati bank wrecker, his little 5-year-old daughter has taken a part, sending to the President her portrait, on which she had laboriously written: "Dear Mr. President send my papa home again and I will think you so good."

A LITTLE over a year ago, Kerr Bros., dry goods, etc., of Walkerton, obtained an extension from creditors, and about six months later they claimed a surplus of \$2,000. It is somewhat doubtful if this really existed, as they have frequently found it difficult to meet bills, and now they have assigned.

ONE Jules Goudron, of Montreal, who has for the last eight years been doing a general hardware business, and also jobbing in carriage hardware, &c., to a weak class of city and country customers, has been obliged to suspend. Liabilities, direct, are about \$27,000; indirect, \$15,000; apparent assets are estimated at \$30,000.

MR. E. R. C. CLARKSON, the trustee, has received instructions to sell, on the 11th inst., through Messrs. F. J. Cassidy & Co., of this city, the jewellery stocks in trade belonging to the estates of Robert Cuthbert and Wm. Ashall. The former is invoiced at \$20,814, and the latter at \$5,403. Both are old-established businesses.

A DESPATCH from Ottawa says that the Dominion Government is negotiating with parties in New York for the purchase of a fast revenue steamer to be placed in the Gulf and lower St. Lawrence to aid in the suppression of smuggling. It is claimed that a suitable steamer cannot be obtained in Canada at present.

THE report comes from Ottawa that Mr. Geo. A. Keefer, C.E., has left for Eastern Siberia on behalf of a Canadian syndicate, which has been asked by the Russian Government to tender for the construction of a railway to a point which will be the future terminal seaport of the Russian Transcontinental Railway on the Sea of Japan.

IN St. Jerome, Que., J. C. Lapointe, general dealer, is seeking a settlement at 50 cents on the dollar, payable in 4, 8, 12 and 16 months. Liabilities are \$18,000, assets nominally \$24,000, in which are included bad debts to the

tune of \$9,000. We noted this failure a couple of weeks ago, assigning a too liberal dispensing of credit as the cause of the trouble.

A CONSIGNMENT of confiscated liquor was sold in Quebec the other day. It consisted of sixty barrels of alcohol, one hundred and sixty cases of gin, four puncheons of rum, and an assortment of Scotch whiskey, brandy, claret, etc. The alcohol brought from \$2 to \$2.15 per gallon, including duty, and the gin \$4.90 to \$5 per case.

NEEDING a stamp of a certain issue to complete his collection of U. S. telegraph stamps, Mr. E. B. Todd, of St. Stephen, N. B., sent to a stamp dealer in New York for it, and by a curious chance got one attached to a telegram over the signature of Pingree & DeWolfe concerning the departure of a vessel from St. Stephen, Aug. 10, 1850.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Vancouver World*, writing from Ladner's Landing, takes exception to the credit given to a Vancouver firm for being the pioneer shippers of Calcutta bags. He claims this distinction for Mr. McNeely of the Landing, who for the past two years has been a direct importer from Calcutta, handling this year 150,000 wheat sacks.

THE *New York Times* learns, on the authority of a careful statistician, that the increase in the manufacture of beer, in that city alone, in the year ended April 30 last, was more than 3,000,000 barrels. A trifle more than 30,000,000 barrels of beer is annually consumed there. At the present rate of increase the consumption in ten years from now will be 50,000,000 barrels.

A CORNWALL dry goods man, C. W. Brownell by name, is in embarrassed shape, and a firm of Montreal accountants is preparing a statement of his affairs by request of the principal creditors. The liabilities are approximately figured at \$12,600, with assets somewhat less, and an offer of 50c. is not improbable. Mr. B. was formerly of Brownell & Shaver, who compromised several years ago at 40 per cent.

ITS entry upon volume 25 is made the occasion by the *Pharmaceutical Journal* for shedding its old cover and appearing in a new one tastefully designed in a buff color and black. The editor, Mr. E. B. Shuttleworth, undertakes to make it more than ever acceptable as the mouthpiece of the members of the Ontario College of Pharmacy and of Canadian druggists generally. He can be relied upon to do it.

A WASHINGTON dispatch says that the latest estimate places the Brazilian coffee crop for

1890-91, now coming into market, at 2,200,000 bags. Notwithstanding the high prices, the daily receipts do not average more than 3,000 bags. Should the present disorganization of labor continue it is believed that the coffee crop for 1891-92, now placed at 8,000,000 or 9,000,000 bags, will not exceed 6,000,000 or 7,000,000 bags.

FRENCH peas for sale in nearly all the large groceries of Boston have been found to contain a certain preparation of copper, added for the purpose of giving the article a peculiar color. A prominent firm, S. S. Pierce & Co., has been fined \$25 for selling the adulterated goods, but claims no knowledge of the poisonous matter, as the peas were imported and sold in the original package. An appeal is to be made to the higher courts.

A MEETING of the creditors of Thos. Thompson, general storekeeper, Buttonville, has been called for to-morrow. He has been in business a number of years, and, while industrious, has evidently made but little, if any, progress. —John Strachan began the shoe business for the second time in Alliston in May last. Unfortunately he was one of the victims of the recent big fire, which no doubt is the cause of his present assignment.

KENNETH MILLER, warehouseman, of this city, has found it difficult to make any progress. His effects were covered by a chattel mortgage, and he has assigned to Henry Barber & Co. There will, it is said, be little or nothing for creditors. —I. J. Cooper, gents' furnishings and shirt manufacturer, also of Toronto, and who has been in business for many years, has failed. He was supposed to be in pretty good shape.

"YELLOWS" are said to have done much more serious damage to the Delaware and Maryland peach crop than at first supposed. The calculations of the railroad officials who had made preparations for moving an extraordinarily great crop of this fruit this season, have been greatly upset. Early in the season they expected upwards of 5,000,000 baskets, and even a month ago estimated a certainty of 3,000,000 baskets. Now they talk of having but 1,000,000 baskets to carry.

IF, says *Harper's Weekly*, "Jumbo" had only postponed for a few years his injudicious encounter with a locomotive, at St. Thomas, Ont., his stuffed and articulated remains might have formed important adjuncts of the \$150,000 building which P. T. Barnum's money is erecting for the scientific and historical societies of Bridgeport, Conn. But the

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