

IN New York the lemon market is said to be demoralized. The cool weather throughout the country and abundant stock have been too much for importers, and low prices and heavy losses have followed.

At a meeting of the creditors of McLean, Shaw & Co., the insolvent wholesale hat and cap firm of Montreal, it was decided to wind up the estate. The stock, valued at \$25,000 is to be sold at auction.

LARGE quantities of fresh mackerel, packed in barrels at Bathurst and other places on the North Shore, are arriving at St. John daily by I. C. R. After being re-iced the fish are transferred to International steamers for Boston.

THE Madoc Banking Co., at Madoc, Ont., changes its style to J. C. Dale & Co., in order to comply with the Banking Act. In the same town, E. D. O'Flynn & Co., in the same business, change style to E. D. O'Flynn & Sons.

MACAULEY, HIGGINBOTHAM & Co. have closed their general store at Whitewood, Assiniboia, and are removing to Vancouver. The general stock of the estate of J. W. Langman, Portage La Prairie, was advertised to be sold to-day by the assignee.

THE overdue tea-ship "Guy C. Goss" arrived at Tacoma on the 24th with 30,288 packages of tea, valued at \$450,000. The "Goss" is the first tea-ship to enter at the Tacoma Custom House, previous tea ships having entered at Port Townsend.

HYMAN LEVINS, formerly a Hebrew pedler throughout the Eastern Townships, and who began a general store business at Waterville a couple of years ago, has assigned to the court, and a meeting of his creditors is ordered for the 4th prox. Liabilities not yet stated.

THE ship "Savona" has been launched from the yard of W. P. Cameron, at South Maitland, N. S. She is registered about 1,650 tons, full rigged and ready for sea. She will load with deals for the United Kingdom, after which she will probably be engaged in the East India trade.

A MEETING of the creditors of Halfpenny Washburn, dealing in men's furnishings and shoes at North Bay, was held in Montreal on the 27th instant, when the firm made an offer of 65c on the dollar, unsecured, but creditors insist on security. They owe \$9,499, and show assets of \$8,885.

THE Liverpool *Journal of Commerce* gives a long and interesting account of the trial trip of the "Empress of China," the last of the

three Canadian Pacific Railway steamships designed for the ocean service between Great Britain, Suez, Straits, China, Japan and Vancouver, B.C.

QUEBEC port statistics are saying, sadly: "Montreal must increase, but I must decrease." The transatlantic arrivals at Quebec this year, up to 25th inst., are 120 sailing vessels and 138 steamships. This, as compared with the same period last year, shows a falling off of 90 sailing vessels and 31 steamships.

THE paper manufacturing business heretofore carried on by Messrs. H. Beauchemin & Co., at Sorel, has been put into joint stock shape, under the style of the Montreal Paper Mills Company. The capital stock is \$50,000, and is mainly held by Messrs. H. & P. Beauchemin, Hon. Louis Tourville, Joel Leduc, and A. De Martigny.

A. IMLACH & Co., machinists, &c., at Renfrew, have assigned. They have always been hampered from lack of capital, and seem to have been very hard up lately. A. Lajeunesse, a livery man at Vankleek Hill, has assigned to the sheriff. A. F. Beatty, in the same line at Stanbridge East, Que., has done likewise, and owes \$1,500.

THE sheriff is in possession of the general store of Thos. Ford, who began business in Lethbridge, Alberta, in March last, and who is now reported to have crossed the American border, which is not far distant at that point.

The hotel business of J. A. Bracken, at Whitewood, is likely to be closed by the mounted police, who complain of some violation of law.

ANOTHER sufferer from the "hard times" is F. X. Martin, for a number of years a leading retailer at Hull, Que. He is applying to his creditors for an extension of time in twelve equal monthly instalments. He owes \$37,900, and shows assets of \$56,748, of which \$38,700 is in stock, balance in real estate, book debts, &c. The general sentiment seems favorable to his getting the indulgence desired.

IN St. John the movement in favor of a Friday half-holiday and early closing seems to spread. The grocery clerks now ask to be granted the day along with their associates in the dry goods and other houses. They will probably succeed, for, says the *Globe*, very few people turn out to buy. The shoe clerks arranged to call on the Ship Laborers' Union to present a petition asking the men to buy only from those merchants who are willing to close at seven o'clock.

A CHARTER has been issued to the Waterloo Knitting Company, of Waterloo, Que., who purpose engaging in the manufacture of underwear, with an authorized capital of \$30,000. The company have a three-storey brick factory built, and the town grants it a bonus of \$10,000. The first directors are Messrs. A. M. Cruckshanks, W. R. Lefebvre, A. F. Savaria, J. H. Lefebvre, Chas. Thibault, and C. A. Nutting.

IN Winnipeg business circles we note the following changes: R. P. Roblin, grain dealer, has admitted F. Armitage into partnership, and the business will be continued under the style of Roblin & Armitage. The grain firm of Roblin & Atkinson has dissolved, and A. Atkinson continues. The hardware stock of Wm. White & Co. in the same city was advertised for sale by the assignee on the 24th instant.

LAST March, Wm. Ashall, jeweller, in this city, assigned to E. R. C. Clarkson with liabilities of \$6,000, more than half of which was due to his mother. He afterwards settled with creditors, who were good enough to allow him 60 per cent. discount off their claims. This arrangement, it appears, he was unable to carry out, and the assignee has been instructed to wind up the business and advertise the stock for sale at auction.

A CONTRACTOR in Montreal named J. B. Dagenais, called his creditors together last week, and asked indulgence in the shape of extension spread over 22 months; liabilities are \$4,106. Joseph Marcotte & Co., of Montreal, manufacturers of cigars in a small way, have made a cash settlement at the rate of 25 cents on the dollar. Liabilities are \$3,604. They started just three years ago on trifling capital, and show a deficiency of about \$2,000.

NORTH-WEST mounted policemen are sharp fellows. They can scent smuggled whiskey a mile off, says the *Free Press*, no matter how it is concealed. A citizen of Winnipeg thought he could fool them. He got five large trunks, filled them with kegs and bottles of whiskey and padded them with straw to prevent rattling. He checked the trunks to Moose Jaw and followed on the next train. The police no sooner spied the trunks than they became suspicious. They opened them, found the liquor, but said nothing until the Winnipegger came along next day. Then they placed him under arrest on a charge of smuggling liquor into the Territories, and he will have to stand his trial.

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