

F. CARRIER & Co., a grocery concern in Sherbrooke, Que., of only a couple of years standing, is reported as suspended, owing about \$2,500.

An offer of thirty per cent. is made to the creditors of Deacon & Doyle, hardware dealers, who assigned in Belleville some weeks ago. Their liabilities are stated at \$1,500 and assets \$800.

The Dominion Government has done a sensible thing in re-engaging Prof. Robertson as Dominion Dairy Commissioner, for a further period of three years, at a salary of \$5,000 a year. The Professor has sense, pluck, and tact—an unusual combination.

We learn that McCurdy & Young, a firm of grocers, who began business at Lanark, Ont., in August, 1891, have failed and assigned. McCurdy was previously a well-doing blacksmith, without any knowledge of the business, and Young had no better experience, so that their want of success is not to be wondered at.

In Montreal, two small grocers, named respectively Thomas Carey and A. E. Chauret, have assigned.—Hugh Russell, a furniture man of the same city, who has been in uncertain financial shape for some time, has been asked to assign. His liabilities are largely to one furniture firm in London, Ont.

On to-morrow the stationery stock of G. A. Metherall, Lindsay, will be sold.—The assets of A. Colborne, clothier, at Smith's Falls, will be sold. Also the tailoring stock of the estate of J. Johnston, at Belleville.—On Wednesday last the dry goods stock of Jennings & Co. at Simcoe, amounting to \$23,000, was sold at a reduction of 40 per cent.

A TAILOR in Three Rivers, H. Z. Lord, who has been in business some six years, has turned his estate over to the assignee, and shows only assets of about \$1,200 to pay liabilities of \$3,500.—L. H. Bouchard, general dealer at St. Etienne de Bolton, is reported as being in embarrassment. He was formerly in business at Bolton Forest, in the Eastern Townships of Quebec.

In September last, the firm of McMillan & Co., grocers, at Nanaimo, B.C., claimed to have a surplus of \$5,900, and in February this year they dissolved, W. Warden retiring. After this McMillan mortgaged his stock for \$4,000; now he makes an assignment.—The sheriff has sold the grocery stock of Bunder Bros., at Regina, Assinaboia.—Another con-

cern known as the Dominion Coal Co., of Winnipeg, mixed up with the failure of A. G. Yates, of Rochester, who is a large stockholder, is in trouble, and is now offering creditors thirty per cent. Already writs for \$13,000 have been issued against the company.

THE steamship "Wandrahm," which sailed from Antwerp on the 3rd of May for Montreal, ran ashore on Apple Island, about 130 miles below Quebec, and is reported by the *Witness* to be in a bad position. All of her 666 passengers are said to have safely landed.

A NET gain of \$4,298,988 is reported during the first three months of this year by 142 railways, according to the *Financial Chronicle* of New York. In view of the bad weather and late spring this is considered a fair showing. The same journal says that two of the roads that show a considerable decrease are the Canadian Pacific and the Grand Trunk. Much the largest decrease is shown by the Northern Pacific and its Wisconsin Central lines. The Wabash also ran behind considerably.

ABOUT two years ago Wm. Kenny, who had been engaged as a clerk in Sarnia for some thirteen years, started a grocery in that town with a small capital. Now he assigns and his stock will be sold next Tuesday.—Being tired of farming, J. A. Wannamaker disposed of his property and determined not to labor so hard. Now he finds after eight months experience as a trader in Trenton, that his grocery and the proceeds of his farm have gone—somewhere—and an assignment became necessary.

FRANK STEDDECK, a shoemaker, at Glen Allan, has taken his departure beyond the reach of creditors.—In March, 1889, R. D. Laidlaw moved his general store from St. George to Toronto Junction, where he had no difficulty in losing his capital, and now assigns.—James McLaughlin, who traded under the style of the American Oil Co. here, has assigned to E. R. C. Clarkson, with small assets. His property was covered by a chattel mortgage.

WRITING of Port Arthur, our correspondent, Mr. Oliver, says: "The town itself evidences prosperity. There is an electric railway running between Port Arthur and Fort William. Several new buildings have been erected lately, notably those of Ray, Street & Co., bankers, and the new offices of J. F. Ruttan, late mayor of the town. J. W. Meikle, of the Bazaar, has

sold out his fancy goods and stationery business to John Thompson, and retains only the organ, piano and sewing machine department of the business. Mr. Thos. Marks, one of the pioneers of Port Arthur, and who has contributed to its prosperity, has just been re-elected mayor."

LEMON cultivating would appear to be profitable in California. A. B. Fox, of Ontario, San Bernardino county, since December 1st has picked 1,050 boxes of lemons from a ten-acre lemon grove, the trees being seven years old. These are now cured and ready for market, and he expects to realize from \$3,000 to \$4,500 from the crop. Considering that the United States imported about \$4,500,000 worth of this fruit in a single year there would seem to be plenty of room for this growing enterprise.

ON Wednesday last it became known that a well-known flour merchant of Quebec named Leon Carrier had left the city a few days ago, and fled to parts unknown with from \$10,000 to \$15,000, out of which he had managed to swindle certain Toronto merchants. It appears that he was financially embarrassed, drew upon a bank in which he had no funds, but this dodge failing, he resorted to another more daring and with greater success. He ordered, it is said, some twenty carloads of flour, and managed, on payment of \$2,000 freight, to get possession of the flour, which he sold, pocketing the proceeds and leaving the city.

For two days, at the close of last week, heavy rain-storms prevailed on the north shore of Lake Superior, which were of value in hastening the opening of navigation, breaking up the ice in Thunder Bay. The quantity of grain in the elevators at Fort William on the 13th was the largest that has ever been concentrated there since the place became a point of storage. The figures are as follows: Wheat, 2,862,942 bushels; oats, 190,259 bushels; barley, 58,664 bushels; total, 3,111,865. In addition to the above there are 422,453 bushels of wheat in the elevator at Port Arthur. It is also estimated, says the *Winnipeg Free Press*, that there are 3,000,000 bushels of grain in the interior elevators. The work of getting this grain to the seaboard will make shipping business lively at Fort William this summer. Charters have already been made to Montreal and Buffalo.

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