

we take the following figures relating to that industry: The quantity of anthracite coal received at Montreal, last year, was 88,000 tons, as against 105,000 tons in 1877. The aggregate of bituminous coal was 138,080 tons in 1878, against 150,839 in 1877. The number of tons (soft coal) raised in Nova Scotia during 1878 was 770,603 tons. The colliery consumption was 88,627 tons, and the stock on hand at close of year was 20,307 tons. The destination of this Canadian coal was as follows: Nova Scotia, 279,172 tons; Quebec, 83,710; New Brunswick, 115,245 tons; Newfoundland, 61,361 tons; P. E. Island, 43,412 tons; United States, 88,495 tons; West Indies, 16,999 tons; South America, 523 tons; Great Britain, 3,594 tons; total, 693,511 tons.

BUSINESS on Francois Xavier Street, says a Montreal letter of Wednesday, continues very dull. The stockbrokers are getting to be alarmed here for fear that their occupation is gone. Now that speculation stopped, there is not a living for half a dozen from commissions on actual investments. Two years ago a seat at the Brokers Board was sold for \$2,900, now you can buy one for \$500. It does not seem to be a favorite thing to be "long in" just now.

THE Maritime Province business changes of last week show no Halifax failures. W. G. Simms & Co., shipbuilders, Yarmouth, are offering to compromise at 50c. in the dollar, half cash. Two general dealers, S. M. Allen, of Arcadia and W. J. Balcom, of Aylesford, have assigned; John Rogers, of Argyle, N. S., and Coffin & Douglas, of Mount Stewart Bridge, P. E. I., have been attached. Mr. C. T. Irving, shipbuilder, of Pictou, is dead; and the firm of A. A. Archibald & Co., carriage makers, Truro, is dissolved, Mr. A. retiring. The St. John firm of Messrs. D. D. Robertson & Co., Shipbrokers, is announced as insolvent.

DONALD McMILLAN, a merchant in Cornwall of probably thirty years standing, has been attached, and his estate placed in the hands of an assignee. His liabilities probably amount to \$10,000. This gentleman failed about two years ago and settled at fifty cents in the dollar.

MR. EDWARD LAWSON, of Halifax, auctioneer, died on the 10th inst., much and generally regretted as a business man of unimpeachable integrity.

Mr. James Buchanan, Grocer, of 557 Sussex Street, Ottawa, writes his creditors that his business shows a deficiency of \$5,000, and that he will be compelled to make some arrangement. He owes, it appears, about \$16,000 to \$18,000. Mr. Buchanan was brought to grief about six years ago by the failure of his Montreal supplier. The estate was bought in by C. T. Bate & Co.

T. T. BLAIS, of Sherbrooke, one of the most extensive merchants of that thriving place, has failed. Mr. Blais has hitherto for some years been considered in pretty sound position; but has been carrying heavy stocks and suffered greatly by shrinkage in stock and on real estate. His liabilities, it is believed, will amount to \$40,000 or \$50,000.

THE annual report of the Superintendent of Government Railways (Mr. Brydges), for the last fiscal year, shows the mileage of Canadian railways actually in operation to be 6,143 miles; under construction, portions completed and track laid, 721; under construction, 1,041; total, 7,905 miles. The capital has increased by \$14,667,070. The earnings of the various railways was \$20,520,078, and the number of passengers carried was 6,443,924, an increase of 370,691. The number of persons killed on railways was 97, and the number injured 561.

THE statement submitted to the creditors of Mr. T. G. Furnival, importer and tailor, Hamilton, shows his total liabilities to be \$18,784, of which the greater portion is due in Britain. The amount due to Canadians being about \$7000. The aggregate assets foot up to \$14,403, about two thirds of which may be realized. Tailors of this class seldom fail and the cause of this one is probably long credits, and bad debts, with a somewhat heavy personal expenditure.

J. D. LAWLOR, the Montreal sewing machine manufacturer, is in trouble, and an attachment in insolvency is taken out against him. The liabilities amount to about \$30,000; but the estate shows a nominal surplus of \$40,000 or more, and Mr. L. is in hope of being able to effect a settlement.

A BUSINESS letter from a manufacturing firm in the United States to a gentleman in town, says a Western paper, with whom business is desired, contains the following: "We enclose price list. In the States we discount 15 per cent., but owing to the duty you have to pay in the Provinces we discount 30 per cent."

IN Montreal, Messrs. Mackenzie, Powis & Co. wholesale tea dealers, whose partnership lately expired, have renewed it; Messrs. Leckie, Wemyss & Co., wholesale grocers, have gone into liquidation; Thos. Crathern, retail grocer, on St. Catharine street, Montreal, who has been endeavoring to obtain an extension of time, has not succeeded in the attempt, and has been placed in bankruptcy. He owes about \$20,000; and James Watt, also a grocer, requests the favor of a compromise. The Toronto commission business of J. B. Boustead & Co., provisions, etc., will now be carried on by Messrs. James & Furness. Mr. Hickman, of the forwarding firm Sylvester Bros. & Hickman, died last week after a lingering illness. The wholesale grocery firm of James Shields & Co., in this city, are in difficulty, and offer 40c. in the dollar on liabilities of \$110,000. The surprising part of the affair is that they show a deficit of \$40,000 or there about, while one of the partners was supposed worth \$25,000 of his own when he came here from Petrolia.

A ROUND dozen of traders in different lines of trading or merchandizing, are going out of business; 2 of them are general dealers, 2 grocers, H. A. Miller of Linwood, one of these, 2 shoe dealers, 2 tavern keepers, a bookseller a druggist &c. Assignments number 12, of which 4 are general stores; V. T. West of Thornbury being one, and attachments in insolvency 17 only, 5 of them general dealers. Christian Ernst, flax mill, meets his creditors, Thomas E. Kilroy a Windsor grocer, who had sold out to engage in other business, has been attached, so also have W. & J. Maude, founders, Berlin.

THE president, Sir. Henry Tyler, and Mr. Heygate M. P. an English director, Sir Charles Young, Mr. Hickson, Mr. Sargent, and Mr. Wainwright, are in Detroit to arrange for the connection westward of the Grand Trunk Railway independently of Mr. Vanderbilt's lines.

## RAILWAY RECEIPTS.

	Week ending	Total earnings.	Like period 1878.	Increase or decrease
G. T. R. ....	May 17	\$149,484	\$160,377	\$10,893 D
G. W. R. ....	" 16	71,007	77,839	6,832 D.
I. C. R. ....	" 8	13,021	18,486	5,465 D.
N. R. R. ....	" 7	3,481	5,853	2,384 D
Midland ....	" 10	2,121	5,478	2,877 D.
T. G. & B. ....	" 7	2,958	3,704	746 D.
T. & N. ....	" 7			
W. P. & L. ....	" 7			

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