

It is not long since a curious ceremony took place amongst the few Chinese in this city. A monument was erected last month over the remains of the late Ah Lung, Esq., the first Chinese citizen of Toronto, who has "saluted the age and ascended to the sky," which is the roundabout phrase of the celestials used to signify death. The ceremony consisted chiefly in some of the friends of the deceased eating and drinking over his grave, and leaving a portion of the feast for the dead man. This last is not unlike the custom of some of our Indian tribes in former days. Pathetic speeches are wont to be offered by the Chinese to their departed friends. We understand that Messrs. Wo-Kee, of Yonge street; Sam Sing, of Adelaide and Queen streets, and Tan-gee, of York street laundries and bleacheries, were present on the occasion.

THE great "pew case" of James Johnston vs. the St. Andrew's Church, which has been before the Courts of Montreal, has been finally decided in favor of Mr. Johnston, the decision of the English Courts rejecting the church's application for leave to appeal to the Privy Council.

THE Grand Trunk Railway traffic receipts were as follows for week ending 1st December, 1877: Passengers, mails and express freight, \$54,346; freight and live stock, \$148,163. Total, \$202,509. 1876: Passengers, mails and express freight, \$54,197; freight and live stock, \$106,631. Total, \$160,828. Increase, \$41,681.

PORT Dover claims a population of 1100 and looks to be incorporated as a village. It proposes also, when the H. and N. W. Railway is opened next year to that point, to have a summer hotel. It is an important spot on lake Erie for fisheries, 100 tons of white fish and herring have been taken there this season; and by means of a refrigerator they are preserved for shipment to the neighboring American Cities.

ONE hundred and sixty thousand bushels of wheat, said to be the largest export crop ever known in that county, have been shipped from Essex this Autumn. Of this quantity 140,000 bushels were purchased by Mr. McGregor for Messrs. Norris & Neelon, the well known St. Catharines millers.

THE business transacted at the Three Rivers Custom House during the month of November, 1877, was as follows: Imports, \$32,424; exports, \$2,741; duties collected, \$4,696.93. This is four times the amount of the corresponding month of 1876.

THE Newfoundland Government have made arrangements with Sir Hugh Allan for fortnightly trips of the steamer Newfoundland during the winter between Halifax and St. John's.

THE revenue of the Northern Railway for the month ending November 30, was as under:—Passengers, \$5,739.29; freight, \$9,186.35; mails and sundries, \$1,702.96; total receipts for current week of 1877, \$16,628.60; corresponding week of 1876, \$16,070.76; increase, 557.84.

A MEETING of the shareholders of the Merchants Bank, was held in Montreal yesterday to authorize the directors to apply for power to reduce the capital. The net profits were

stated by the general manager at \$192,133 for the half year, with no losses on this new business.

THE suspension was announced last week of a prominent Montreal merchant, Mr. Wm. Angus, late of the firm Angus, Logan, & Co., paper manufacturers, who, when he sold out his business a very few years ago was called worth \$200,000. Through unprofitable investments in Montreal, Portland, and Boston railroad stock, in insurance stocks, and other ventures, his fortunes are to-day almost as low as when he began his energetic career over twenty years ago. Disappointment in railway subsidies and the depression of the stock market induced him, in the interest of his creditors, to hand his estate over to them, rather than allow it to be sacrificed. The liabilities of his personal estate are estimated at \$150,000. Mr. Angus held, amongst other offices, that of President of the Canada Agricultural Insurance Co., which has gone into liquidation. His stock in this Company is all paid up, and the Company is said to be indebted to him.

THE business changes announced for the fortnight include a large number of attachments, 18 in Ontario, 9 in Quebec and 8 in the Maritime Provinces. Nine are against general dealers, three against grocers, three against lumber men; of the remainder, no two trades are alike. Failures and assignments, apart from attachments number 27; eight of these are dry goods or general store men, three grocers, two hardware dealers; and eight of them effected compromises. Fifteen traders have been burned out within the fortnight, six of them at Stayner, fifteen firms have dissolved within the fortnight. Two hotels have been closed, a founder, a shoe dealer and a lumberman gone voluntarily out of out of business, a tailor, a grocer, and a general merchant gone west to Muskoka or Manitoba. Messrs. C. G. Martin of Ridgetown, John Lane of Lanesville, T. R. Foster of Thornbury and W. Thomson of Palmerston, all general dealers have sold out. The woollen mill of B. Williams of Glenwilliams, who is missing, has been attached. A. C. Davis & Bros., of Napanee, general store are in difficulty. Messrs. J. & R. McCready, shoe mfrs., Montreal have dissolved.

ST. JOHN BOARD OF TRADE.—The first meeting of the board, held since the great fire, took place on the 3rd inst.; the President, Mr. W. C. Watson, in the chair. All the records having been burnt in June last, the Secretary, Mr. S. J. King, read a report covering the most important transactions of the board during the twelve months past. The Dominion Board, the Insolvent Act, a harbor commission for St. John, and the Intercolonial Railway management, were the main subjects treated by this report. A paragraph praising the I. C. R. management was, after discussion, struck out, as appearing to bear a political complexion. In the course of the discussion upon increased harbor accommodation, it was stated that there were, four years ago, sixteen Anchor Line steamers which made St. John their final port of discharge, while this year, with the largest imports for years, but two steamers had discharged in St. John. The officers chosen for the current year were: President, Mr. S. S. Hall, Vice President, Mr. S. D. Berton; Members of Council:—Messrs. W. C. Watson, J. W. Scammell, A. Cushing, J. L. Dunn, J. W. Nicholson, W. H. Thorne, M. Lindsay, George S. DeForest, W. E. Vroom, J. A. Harding.

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