

INCORPORATION by letters patent is being sought by the "Mica Boiler Covering Co.," of Toronto, capital \$50,000.

A COMPANY is being formed in Perth, Ont., to make car and locomotive wheels. Capital, \$50,000. Among the promoters are Messrs. J. M. Balderson, W. H. Churchill and W. C. Wilson.

THE business of the estate of the late James MacLaren in Buckingham and elsewhere, is to be carried on hereafter by the "James MacLaren Company," which it is intended to incorporate.

THE New York, New England and Canada Company will ask Parliament to extend its charter to cover the construction of a railway from Halifax to Yarmouth, N.S.

THE sheriff has advertised for sale the effects of B. Van Horne, baker, Vancouver, B.C.—A bailiff is in possession of the hotel premises of Fred. Guiment, Winnipeg.

A QUEBEC letter of Tuesday says ocean steamers were still leaving that port for Britain and for Sydney, and that it is the latest date at which sea-going vessels have ever left Quebec.

THE general stock of Macdonald & Hall, at Massey, in Algoma district, is advertised for sale next week, and the dry goods stock of Thos. Kelly, at Peterboro, will also be offered for sale on Tuesday next.

THE proposed amalgamation of the New Glasgow Iron, Coal and Railway Co., Ltd., and the Nova Scotia Steel and Forge Co., Ltd., will be discussed by the shareholders at a meeting to be held in New Glasgow on the 12th inst.

THE St. John boot and shoe firm of W. H. Francis & Co., who assigned several weeks ago, are now endeavoring to arrange a settlement at 45 cents in the dollar cash. The liabilities are \$5,725, of which \$1,490 are preferred.

THE merchants of Dartmouth, N.S., are likely to close their stores three nights each week during the winter months. At present, Tuesday and Thursday evenings are closing nights. Wednesday will probably be the evening chosen in Dartmouth.

ACCORDING to the Seaforth *Expositor*, Thos Case, of that town, has purchased the pork packing establishment of Messrs. Robb Bros. and will begin work in it at once.—Mr. Thos. Brown, of that place, intends going out of the implement business, and will sell out his entire stock to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon by auction.

THE general stock of W. B. Barnard & Co., at Sutton, was sold at 55 per cent. Next week the men's furnishing stock of W. D. Baird, Trenton, is to be sold.

Too much credit given by John A. Ford, butcher in Toronto, has resulted in his assignment.—James Pope, a Toronto grocer, has enjoyed good credit, always paying his bills. His assignment is something of a surprise.

DECREASES in customs collections seem to be the order of the day in November in Canadian cities; Toronto, Halifax, Hamilton, London, Belleville—all decreases; Brantford a slight increase compared with November, 1893.

BURGLARIZED T. W. Murray's store on Sunday; decamped on Monday; arrested on Tuesday; tried on Wednesday, and in the penitentiary Friday for five and seven years. This, says the *Perth Expositor*, is the way justice is meted out to evil-doers at North Bay.

At a meeting of the Winnipeg Retailers' Association held the other day, a constitution and by-laws were adopted and forty new members were added to the roll. At a future meeting several questions of interest to the retail trade will be discussed. The membership fee has been placed at \$1 for merchants and 50 cents for salesmen.

A CELEBRATION was held last week at Lyster, in Megantic county, Que., and another at St. Philomene, in Lotbiniere county, the occasion being the opening of a new line called the Lotbiniere & Megantic Railway. At St. Philomene, the present terminus of the road, a banquet took place, at which Hon. Mr. Joly and several of the Quebec ministers delivered addresses.

A SHOEMAKER in Quebec named Jean Lortie, who has recently been trying to arrange a compromise at 25 cents on the dollar, has now assigned. The liabilities are \$2,800.—A grocer in the same ancient city, C. Martel, for some years in business in a moderate way, is arranging a composition at the rate of 50 cents on the dollar. Liabilities of \$2,500 are altogether local.

ABOUT fourteen years ago John Cameron opened a grocery store in Peterboro, and was then estimated to be worth \$20,000. Since then he has really never made any money and of late his methods have not been quite "up to date." A continual gradual shrinking took place in his assets until April last, when he was obliged to give a chattel mortgage for \$1,000. Now his assignment is a matter of regret.

THE London branch of the Canadian General Electric Company is hereafter to be known as the London Electric Company, Limited. The capital is \$300,000.

THE Great Northern Railway is doing a largely increased freight business from eastern points to New Westminster, Nanaimo and Vancouver. Several carloads a day are being received.

A. G. DUMONTIER, previously a clerk, started on his own account in the dry goods line in Ottawa in the spring of 1893, and is now reported insolvent. He had been sued several times of late.

A LARGELY attended meeting of the creditors of F. L. Chenier, grocer, Hamilton, was held last week in that city. A great deal of sympathy was expressed for Mr. Chenier, who closes an honorable career of upwards of 35 years as a retail grocer in the disastrous manner indicated by these figures: The liabilities are \$23,903.55, assets \$16,669.35; deficit, \$7,214.20. The estate will be realized. Mr. Chenier having no offer to make, Messrs. Alexander Turner, F. H. Lamb, H. L. Bastien and J. J. Scott were appointed inspectors.

SOME Quebec Province events are under-noted: E. Denis, general storekeeper, who removed to Rigaud, Que., from Henryville two years ago, is reported to have assigned. He had at starting the custom of the Patrons of Industry, but this was subsequently withdrawn.—At St. Barnabé, L. D. Heroux, general merchant, has fyled consent to assign at the demand of the Hochelaga Bank. He has been in business a dozen years, and quite recently claimed a fair surplus.—Berthiaume & Co., dry goods, St. Jerome, whose troubles, due to a serious fire, we lately noted, have arranged a compromise at 57½ cents, and will go out of business.

A LIST of recent failures or difficulties in Montreal includes the following: H. F. Hoerner, hats and furs, has assigned. He owes \$8,137.—C. Lussier, a shoemaker, whose wife did a little millinery business, has also assigned with liabilities of \$1,500.—N. Gauthier & Co., builders, who failed several weeks ago, are effecting a compromise at 25 cents on the dollar, on liabilities of \$18,500.—Miss Kennedy, a rather prominent milliner on St. Lawrence Main Street, has assigned owing some \$7,000.—J. S. Mayo, jobber in oils, whose business troubles we noted last week, is now reported an absentee, and the court has fixed the 15th inst. as the date for a meeting of his creditors.

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