

S. C. D. ROPER, an Englishman doing a private banking business in Bracebridge, has failed. His business was not of an extensive character, being chiefly confined to small local bill discounting. Liabilities are placed at about \$4,600 and assets \$3,000, which latter are composed principally of notes held by a bank, and will not likely realize much.

HE GOT THE JOB.—A jeweler in Syracuse, N. Y. advertised for a boy, and among the numerous answers received was the following from the successful applicant:

84 SYRACUSE HERALD.—I want the job. I ant rich my folks is ded and i have to shuffle and it beats hell how hard times is, i am 14 and look good in new close. I can do chores and learn fast.

A SUCCESSFUL industry in the West is the manufacture at Toledo, Ohio, of the Lenk Wines, made from grapes, grown upon the islands and American shore of Lake Erie. They produced in 1884 over 600,000 gallons of wine, but are going to make more this year. In the same latitude and within a few miles are made the Pelee Island Wines, known to Canadians as the delicious product of Pelee and other islands in Lake Erie, nearer the Canadian shore and the western end.

We are informed that Messrs. T. G. Williamson and W. G. A. Lambe have entered into partnership in this city as commission merchants in teas and coffees, agents for the St. Lawrence Sugar Refining Co. and for Hunt & Co., Japan. Mr. Williamson is a gentleman of excellent repute, has had long experience in connection with China and Japan trade, while Mr. Lambe has been for years known to the wholesale merchants of this city as with the firm R. Lambe & Brother. Their office is at No. 11 Front St. East.

THE construction of a ship railway to connect the Bay of Fundy with the Gulf of St. Lawrence has now been finally decided on. This will not exactly make Nova Scotia an island, but ships of 1,000 tons and under will be able to reach St. John from Montreal, Quebec, and other ports on the St. Lawrence without having to encircle the dangerous Nova Scotian coast—a saving of 600 miles. The ship railway, which is to be 17 miles long, will be supported by a subsidy of \$300,000 per year for 20 years from the Canadian Government.

MANY men are in the condition of mind, with respect to the war in the Soudan, of the little one in Southey's *Battle of Blenheim*, who asked, innocently enough, "what it was all about?" We recommend such persons, or indeed any person, to buy Mr. Haultain's book, published here, by the "Grip Printing and Publishing Co." and learn. Those who desire to read the account of British soldiers' heroism, Canadian voyageurs' intrepidity, Arab fanaticism, which goes to make up the sad but thrilling story of Gordon, will find it graphically told in "The War in the Soudan." They will also find sketches and portraits of the distinguished men of the campaign.

Nor less than 150 gentlemen sat down to lunch at the Board of Trade rooms in this city yesterday, on the invitation of the President and Council. On each hand of the chairman, Mr. H. W. Darling, sat His Honor, the Lieut.-Governor of Ontario, the Mayor, Prof. Goldwin Smith and Hon. James Patton. The arrangements were business-like, the speeches brief and pointed, the viands excellent. A pleasing feature of the gathering was the presence of a deputation from the Hamilton Board of Trade, including its President, Mr. McPherson, Mr. W. E. Sanford and Mr. W. H. Gillard. We regret that want of space prevents our giving to-day a fuller account of the proceedings.

We regret to hear reports of the embarrassment of Milne & Clute, one of the oldest, and at one time regarded one of the best business firms of Stirling, Ont. They were burnt out at the time the town was scourged by fire so severely, about 18 months ago, and were heavy losers through insufficient insurance. They made what was then considered a good settlement at the rate of 70c. on the dollar, which we believe they carried out, but they now write some of their creditors that they paid too much then, and this together with poor business and collections since, will probably oblige them to seek further indulgences.

A COMPOSITION of forty cents on the dollar has been effected by Messrs. Foster & Hillman, wholesale fancy goods dealers in this city. Their liabilities will amount to about \$24,000, and assets \$28,000.—S. P. Kleiser, a Toronto jeweller, has failed, particulars are not yet obtainable but the impression prevails that the estate will prove a poor one.—The assets of the failed firm of Quetton St. George & Co. in this city, are, stock \$15,000; book debts \$18,000. Ordinary liabilities \$56,000, with about \$1,500 additional preferred. It is thought that the estate will pay between 40 and 50 cents on the dollar.

A GRATIFYING feat has been performed by the C. P. R. management, as we foreshadowed recently, in the carriage of the Montreal Garrison Artillery from Montreal on the 11th inst. to Winnipeg, *all rail*. At Jack Fish Bay, the troops were delayed a day or two, to await the completion of the connecting link. Lieut.-Col. Oswald drove the last spike, and thus permitted his battalion to continue the journey to Winnipeg, which city they reached on the 20th May, to receive an enthusiastic welcome. The journey by this route between Montreal and Winnipeg will presently be a matter of two or three days.

A MEETING of the creditors of Desola Bros. & Asher, cigar manufacturers and importers, Montreal, was held last Saturday. The assignee stated that it would take some time to prepare a regular statement, but it is feared that the dividend will be very small indeed. Messrs. Joseph, Vallee and Phillips were appointed a committee to consult with assignee in winding up the estate.—Mrs. Isidore Boulet, doing a small general business at Riviere du Loup *en bas*, has compromised at 25 cents on the dollar, probably in monthly instalments. She owes \$1,300.—George Scott, a long-established confectioner of Quebec is reported to have assigned. He was supposed to be in fair circumstances.

THE insolvent general store firm of Bower, Blackburn, Mundle & Porter, Brandon, Manitoba, has arranged a settlement with creditors at 65 cents on the dollar, spread over eighteen months, the last three payments being secured.—In April last Jos. Clementson, a store keeper at Broadview, Man. showed assets amounting to \$30,000 in excess of his then existing liabilities. He has just failed, strange to say.—Nightingale & Co., in the same line at Leggan, Man. have also failed.—Bartlett & Co., another firm of general merchants at Portage la Prairie, have made an assignment. In January they claimed stock on hand worth \$8,000 with liabilities of \$5,000.

We learn that the Montreal Gazette has bought the exclusive right to publish the reports of the Montreal Corn Exchange, for three years, from 1st May, 1885. The statistics and daily transactions of so important a city are interesting information, and they will form a further desirable feature of the Gazette which is one of the very best papers in the Dominion. Any one who has been a reader of its *EPHEMER-*

IDES column in Saturday's issue, edited by John Lesperance under the signature of *Laclede*, its *ODDS AND ENDS* or its foreign correspondence, will wish to see it regularly. While, besides, it is a very pronounced party paper, it is not so partisan in its opinions, certainly not so violent and abusive in its language, as our own two leading dailies, which is in itself a blessed relief.

THE new administration has shown distinct appreciation of the fitness of things in appointing an experienced lumberman to the position of United States commercial agent at Ottawa, in the person of Mr. Thomas W. Hotchkiss, who is deemed by the North Western Lumberman, "an excellent selection." Mr. Hotchkiss, says that journal, "is an elder brother of George W. Hotchkiss, secretary of the Lumberman's Exchange of this city, and comes from stock known to lumber circles of this country from 1809 to the present. The new consul is well and favorably known throughout the entire northern lumber regions, having for forty years been heavily engaged in the business. He was the pioneer of the large business now carried on at Tonawanda, N. Y., and will enter upon his new duties with intelligence, experience and character that will do credit to the government and himself."

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

GROVER; Sarnia.—The attempt was made by a trader not far north of this city, who has been arrested. The latest counterfeit issued so far as we have heard is a \$5 bill of the Bank of N.A. In this, we are told, "the day of the month was left out, and is now replaced with the ordinary ink, making detection easier."

H. F. & Co.; City.—Have not a spare copy. Write to the President or Secretary Winnipeg Board of Trade.

T. D. O.; Halifax.—Yours received; shall be glad to receive more such tokens. They are always of interest and are likely to do good.

FOUNDRYMAN; Trois Rivières, Que.—Have not the figures at hand for previous years, but for 1884 the production of pig iron in the United States is thus estimated in the annual report of the American Iron and Steel Association. Amount of Pig Iron in the United States during 1884 was 4,589,613 net tons; of all Rolled Iron, including Nails and excluding Rails, 1,931,748 tons; Bessemer Steel Rails, 1,116,621 tons, and Rails of all kinds 1,144,851 tons. The imports of Iron and Steel aggregated in value \$38,211,800 and the exports \$19,902,150. Altogether 487,820 tons (gross) of iron ore was imported.

X.Y.Z.; ELORA.—Sends us four cards of thanks, taken from an Elora newspaper. All these acknowledge money—one \$48, another \$12 for one week's sickness—as in full of insurance claims for illness or accident, paid by the Industrial Union of British North America, Toronto, our correspondent adds: "So far as I can learn every one who joins this 'Industrial Union,' draws out a great deal more than he puts in, and that in a very short time after joining. Kindly say in your answers to correspondents in your next issue what you think of the above company and their mode of doing business." We can only say, in reply, that we have enquired in vain at three of the principal life offices in Toronto for tidings of the above named Union. Upon referring to the directory, we find that Henry Graham, named as president, has rooms at 75 Yonge street, upstairs, while E. A. Sparling, the secretary, publishes *The Benefactor*, what ever that may be, at 28 and 30 Toronto street. Any one who gets twelve dollars out of a union for a week's illness is likely to speak well of the union