

THE embarrassment of Messrs. Ewing & Co., of this city, which was somewhat of a surprise to not a few, has been tided over. The creditors have agreed to a compromise at sixty cents on the dollar upon the firm's direct liabilities amounting to about \$20,000.

A FIRM of general dealers at Moosejaw, N. W. T., Woods and McBride, have made an assignment. It is understood that unsecured creditors will contest two chattel mortgages, said to have been made in favor of W. E. Sanford and Co., and Campbell, Spera and Co. The firm's liabilities are placed at \$20,000.

OUR paragraph in the MONETARY TIMES of the 14th inst. referring to the business embarrassment of Mr. J. R. Watson, harness dealer at Bothwell, has, it seems, done that gentleman an unintentional injustice. While it is to be regretted that his shop was closed up, he himself is still in Bothwell and has not, as we stated, left the town.

WORD has come of the wreck, in very rough weather on Lake Huron, of the Canada Transit Company's propeller "City of Owen Sound." She was laden principally with corn and fish for Montreal and Toronto firms. The vessel was owned by Messrs. Smith & Keighley, of this city, and the loss, stated at \$29,000 is mostly covered by insurance.

THE W. F. Cochrane roller mill supply company has been incorporated with a capital of \$150,000. W. F. Cochrane, of Washington, D. C.; Joseph Simpson, Chas. Riordan and H. H. Fuller, of Toronto, and J. W. Nesbitt, of Hamilton, are the parties. The headquarters of the company will be in Hamilton.

IT is ascertained by a Halifax Sergeant Major, that 3,000 Imperial army pensioners in Canada, 300 navy pensioners, 600 superannuated pensioners, including half pay officers, officers' widows, dock laborers, etc., are now under pay from the headquarters at Halifax. These figures are exclusive of pensioners who are paid in the Toronto district by Col. Mulligan and those employed on the Esquimalt dry dock in British Columbia.

THERE are not many business changes worthy of notice this week. Peter Bertram, of Orillia, has purchased the axe manufactory of R. T. Wilson, Dundas. —Jas. F. Moore has bought the grocery stock of Alex. Ross, Port Dover. —Dart & McKelvie have purchased the general store of Daniel Gorrie, Haliburton. —J. S. Affholder, St. Clement's, has removed his removed his general stock to Dorking.

THE premises of Stanley & Pew, general storekeepers at Donald, N. W. T., have been closed by creditors. —Messrs. Wood & Co., of Winnipeg, have taken possession of the premises of Thos. Botterill, hardware dealer, Lethbridge, in the interest of creditors. —A meeting of the creditors of E. B. Rutledge, Winnipeg, has been called; they are much behind with their payments. The cause of their trouble seems to have been too much credit.

MR. C. HOURIGAN, dry goods dealer in this city, will face a meeting of creditors to-day. —The stock and fixtures of J. G. Kells, who came from Millbrook here, was sold on Wednesday under the power of chattel mortgage. This, it is said, was insufficient to cancel the bond. —J. F. Lyon & Co., dealer in perfumery, etc., in this city, have got into trouble and assigned to their bookkeeper. —J. Moore, printer, also in this city, is offering creditors 50 per cent. payable in eighteen months. —Samuel Nickle, wagon maker, Wingham, is asking an extension of one year. He owes \$4,000 and claims that he has over \$5,000 in assets.

AN assignment is made by Mr. E. E. Ford, who did a small dry goods business at Simcoe. He was formerly a member of the old and well-known firm of N. C. Ford & Co. in that place.

—A meeting of the creditors of C. M. Green, lamp manufacturer, was held on Wednesday in this city. He has been the principal in one or two failures before coming here.

ABOUT the first of this year, Wm. Robertson put out his sign in the shoe business in Mount Forest. He has already assigned. —Geo. W. Hall, baker, etc., Peterboro, failed and compromised at fifty per cent in 1882. Since then he has found business more difficult and has at length been compelled to assign. —Robert Smith, a harness-maker at Napanee, has also assigned.

THE east-bound rail shipments from Chicago by all lines for the week ending October 15, amounted to 39,591 tons, against 36,058 tons in the preceding week, and 48,081 tons in the same week of 1886. The percentages were as follows: Pan-Handle, 17.2; Chicago & Grand Trunk, 13.4; Michigan Central, 12.7; Fort Wayne, 11.9; Baltimore & Ohio, 10.3; Lake Shore, 9.9; Nickel-Plate, 8.2; Wabash, 6.1; Chicago & Atlantic, 5.6; Big Four, 4.5.

"I CAN recognise an honest dollar as well as any man, though a little short-sighted," says Henry Watterson. "But, gentlemen, money, like fire, though a good servant, is a bad master. Be sure that he who seeks too short a route to riches in this world will find his way to that quarter of the world to come where not one drop of water Dives put in the stock he unloaded on Lazarus was unable to reach and moisten the tongue that lied so well. In short, my friends, now, as always, the true way to make a dollar is to earn it."

A NEW steamship company is in course of formation to compete for the business of the route between Boston, Halifax and Charlottetown. This route is considered to be a paying one as the steamers are nearly always crowded with passengers, going to and fro between Boston and Canadian Maritime ports, while at some seasons freight has frequently been declined owing to the limited capacity of the boats. We always considered it an anomaly that Boston capital was allowed to reap the benefit of an almost exclusively Canadian route.

IN a case of Dominion L. & S. Co. v. Kilroy, heard before the Common Pleas Division at Osgoode Hall the other day, (we quote now from the Amherstburg *Echo*). The evidence showed that the stock-in-trade of the business, against which the plaintiffs were attempting to enforce an execution was that of Mrs. Kilroy, and not that of her husband, against whom was the execution. Among other questions, the husband was asked whether the delivery wagon had his name or his wife's on it. He answered, neither, that it had nothing but the letters S. P. Q. R.—which he interpreted as meaning not "Senatus, Populus que Romanus," but "Small Profits—Quick Returns."

M. O. DEMPSEY dealer in fancy goods at Belleville, has always enjoyed the credit of having a surplus in business, but if he had it seems to have disappeared and he has assigned. —It is reported that Geo. A. Montgomery, jeweller, Brantford, has gone to California and W. E. Jones, of Stratford, has taken possession of his premises and is paying off certain liabilities. It will be remembered that less than a year ago M. failed and his wife bought the stock. —Jos. Colgan, dealer in tinware, etc., at Shelburne, has assigned to the sheriff. His business was not large. —

At Stamford, the Brooks Canning Co. has got into difficulties. It had always been an exceedingly weak concern. —A meeting of the creditors of Mrs. Geo. Gregory, milliner, at St. Thomas, has been called. She has liabilities of \$1,500 with assets of about \$1,000. Thos J. Halsted, harness maker, at Acton, has never displayed much energy or made much progress in business. He now makes an assignment.

A COMMISSION merchant in this city, E. J. Reid by name, is reported to have left town owing about \$3,000, the greater part of which is due to his former partner, one Gillespie. A bailiff is in possession for rent and will probably find sufficient assets to cover his claim, while country creditors who had shipped butter etc., on consignment, will get nothing. Reid had only been in business a few months and was once connected with W. Walker & Co., of unsavory memory. His credit was never good.

FOR a considerable time, A. A. Hay, blacksmith, at Mildmay, has done a good business and made progress towards a competency, but recent building operations were too heavy for him and he has assigned. —Another blacksmith, G. W. Bucborough, of Mount Pleasant, appears to be in trouble through too heavy investment in real estate. He makes an assignment to the sheriff. —We note the assignment of Harry Cousens, manufacturer at Norwich. There was a chattel mortgage upon the effects of Chas. Garner, harness maker, at Thamesford, and, furthermore, he was not any too attentive to business and has assigned last week.

AT the instance of the Bank of Montreal, which held a chattel mortgage for \$140,000, a bailiff has been placed on the premises of the Harvey & McQuesten cotton and woolen mills, at Hespeler. It is reported that the concern, in which Messrs. John Harvey and J. B. McQuesten, well known citizens of Hamilton, are the principal proprietors, has not been making headway, but rather losing money for some time. The mills gave employment to 250 hands, to whom it is said large arrears of wages are due. Four years ago a difficulty arose which culminated in the above named gentlemen, who were then largely interested, taking possession of the works. The present stoppage is much regretted, for the mills were extensively bonused by the town and ranked amongst its most important industries.

TO the list of exports from the eastern townships to the United States, through the Consular office at Sherbrooke, for three months ended with Sept. last, might be added the copper ore from Capelon, which, however, is entered outward at Beebe Plain. The total value of exports at Sherbrooke was \$171,226; the principal items the following:

	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Asbestos .....	495 tons.	\$37,285 00
Bark (hemlock)....	1,874 cords.	9,153 00
Cattle (meat).....	343 head.	4,302 00
Coal.....	1,062 tons.	4,248 00
Hides (raw).....	33,178 lbs.	2,555 42
Horses.....	21	2,504 00
Hay.....	72½ tons.	725 00
Lime.....	20,240 bus.	3,696 00
Lambs.....	22,343	56,126 18
Lumber (spruce)....	3,458,815 ft.	27,989 20
" (hard wood).....	119,060 ft.	2,572 90
" (clapboards).....	182,975 pcs.	2,175 90
" (pine).....	147,513 ft.	1,626 63
Lath (spruce).....	973,600 pcs.	1,395 71
Pulp (chemical)....	107,100 lbs.	2,717 25
Ties (railway).....	24,729	3,304 60

Other items were hay, oats, potatoes, beans, butter, spruce and poplar logs, telegraph poles, ship-knees, balsam and spruce gum.