

The creditors of H. Bulmer, junr., lumber dealer, in Montreal, held a meeting last week. The liabilities are large, aggregating, it is said, \$75,000 or more, with very little in the shape of assets, apart from a heavy claim against the Dominion Government, arising out of a grant of timber limits in the Rat Portage district, afterwards rescinded. This claim has already been dismissed in the Exchequer Court, but is to be carried to the Supreme Court, and in the meantime the creditors leave their claims in abeyance.

The printing and publishing business seems to be nearly as much overdone in Quebec as in Ontario, which is saying a good deal. We observe that the Montreal firm of Caron & Co., publishing "L'Etendard," and who have had very uphill work for some time, have been asked to assign, but are trying to arrange a compromise at 10 cents in the dollar cash, or 20 cents on time. Liabilities are said to aggregate some \$60,000. Newspaper men and printing offices can always get credit, and that freely. If Caron & Co. get settled at 10 cents in the dollar, that will mean \$54,000 of creditors' money gone "where the woodbine twineth," so to speak.

INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

The Hamilton Rolling Mills turned out a huge wrought iron "shoe" for the N. S. N. Co.'s new steamer at Owen Sound. It weighed 2,000 pounds.

Thirty-one car loads of nickel matte have crossed from Prescott to Ogdensburg during the past week, en route from Sudbury to Constable Hook, N.J., for the United States Government use.

Deposits of mica have been found in the townships of Burgess and Bastard in the county of Leeds, Ont. W. C. Green is said to have been offered a large sum for a mica mine near Arden Station.

Lumber movement was very active in Ottawa last week. One journal has it that the American demand was so brisk that the Canada Atlantic railway was 900 car loads short in its deliveries.

The Dickson Company purchased last week the mills, water power and other Lakefield property belonging to the Lakefield Lumber Company. The price paid was \$55,000, says the Peterboro' Examiner, which adds that the mills will be run to their full capacity.

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Water is to be let into the Cornwall Canal about the close of April. The Canada Cotton Company of that place are making changes and additions which, together with new machinery, will cost between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

A report made by a prominent baker living on one of the West India Islands has been published by Mr. Weatherston, of the I. C. R. This baker compares the White Light, Knickerbocker and St. Lawrence, well-known brands of American flour which have hitherto had the call in West Indian and South American markets, with our Canadian flour, indicated by the private marks N.W., I.C.R. and T.—the brands being withheld for obvious reasons. Having used 10 bbls. N.W. and 5 bbls. of each of the others, the West India baker says he chooses N.W. before White Light for looks of flour and color of bread, but he finds that the latter has more "spring" and gives a larger loaf. On testing the other brands, he finds that they produce a whiter bread than either Knickerbocker or St. Lawrence and very nearly the same as Victorioso. More or less spring means that the same quantity of flour will produce a larger loaf than another flour. A curious reason is given by this man for disliking (at first) Canadian flour: "First, I thought it was caused by the flour not being packed tight enough in the barrels, but now I feel inclined to think the flour contains too much gluten."

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