

ALTHOUGH a number of Quebec Province farmers have left for Manitoba, in apparent dissatisfaction with their success in their old home, and not a few have been beguiled from Ontario by the glowing accounts from the newer prairie lands farther West, there is no scarcity of good farmers left. The Woodstock *Sentinel-Review* tells of one in Dereham who has now over \$2,000 worth of farming implements and machines. He is now working 500 acres with about 12 hands. Among the new machines which he has lately introduced is a hay packer costing \$400, a hay loader and hay tedder. Another in Norwich, with 512 acres, grew last year 4,000 bushels oats for which he recently got 38c. per bushel, and 1,000 bushels wheat, which realized 98 cents. This man began the world in 1840 with \$100.

JAMES A. MONTGOMERY, now known as the "Port Hope Forger," was last week committed by the Police Magistrate at Port Hope, to stand his trial at the Cobourg fall assizes, on two charges. The first of these is the forgery of the endorsement of C. Quinlan, on a note for \$600 in favor of John O. Lodge. The other was for the fraudulent removal of goods to the United States. The goods taken by Montgomery to St. Louis, amount in value to about \$7,000. These goods were seized by the American Customs authorities, but on the facts being ascertained they were handed to Mr. James B. Boustead, Official Assignee, of this city, who is the assignee of Montgomery's estate. The goods were got to Toronto without difficulty, but the assignee has not yet succeeded in getting them from the Canadian Customs. The note for \$600 above referred to is only one of many which are claimed to bear endorsements forged by this misguided young man.

THE customs receipts at Winnipeg for the month ended July 31st, 1879, amounting to \$35,142 13 against \$25,877.72 during July, 1878.—A number of Norwegians, Icelanders, and English emigrants by the steamer "Waldensian" are on their way to Gimli, Manitoba.—A new dry goods store is being opened in St. Boniface, Manitoba, by one of the clan McLean.

—Westbourne County is ambitious in the right direction. A by-law for raising \$25,000 for drainage, and other purposes is being prepared.—The steamer "Colville" plies between Winnipeg and Grand Rapids, on the Saskatchewan River: the steamer "Northcote," between Grand Rapids and Carlton; and the steamer "Lily," between Carlton and Edmonton—a total distance of 900 miles.

THE Messrs. Steinhart, father and son, who have been heard of as soliciting bonuses for the establishment of a silk factory in various Ontario towns, thus far with no success and less *eclat*, now inform us that they have determined to start their factory in Toronto without a bonus. They claim to have forty looms, which they formerly used in silk weaving in New York, and these with other machinery they are trying to get into the country duty free. They have one steam engine already up on Colborne street

premises, and intend to have another. Dress silks and ribbons, colored as well as black, are the goods they purpose making. The opening of such works, to employ some sixty hands, would doubtless be welcomed among the industries of the city.

It is reported to be the intention of Messrs. D. McInnes & Co., of Hamilton, to remove their wholesale dry goods business to Toronto, and not to rebuild in the former city. We are not aware how true this report may be; but the revival of it recalls that it was stated to be the desire of the principal of that firm to remove hither several years ago, but for the fact that the firm had such expensive premises in Hamilton. The destruction of so chaste and imposing a block of buildings as the McInnes block is a loss that our sister city may well deplore. The many friends of Messrs. Sanford, Vail & Bickley will be glad that the loss of that firm is less serious than it threatened to be.

It will probably startle some good people to learn that a demand in insolvency was issued last Friday against the A. M. Gibson Manufacturing Company of Mitchell. This concern, which has so recently started under fair auspices, that it seems incredible that it can be insolvent, or any thing like it, has, it is claimed, assets of \$105,000, against liabilities of \$42,000 over and above a lien taken to secure \$10,000 bonus given it by the town of Mitchell. The main difficulty, however, is that certain gentlemen who bought the stock of Messrs. McLung in the Company, and promised it all sorts of assistance, have not kept their promises as to ready money, and the company has been driven into a corner.

AMONG the firms whose stoppage has been precipitated by the suspension of the Consolidated Bank is that of Messrs. Fish, Shepherd & Co., of Montreal, who began as dry goods importers some six years ago, Mr. Fish having previously been of Dunn, Fish & Co., with a very limited actual capital. They bought, at the start, through a Glasgow house, and if they had begun at other than an inflated time, their knowledge of the country might have stood them in good stead. The firm stood throughout 1877 and 1878, while older firms fell, and it caused some wonder that they did. How they were enabled to exist so long is explained by the statement that they had a line at the Consolidated Bank of \$120,000. A demand of assignment was made upon them some days ago.

ON the 2nd instant, an attachment was issued against the effects of Boomer & Co., a firm of liquor dealers in St. Catharines, who had got behind in their payments. A shoe dealer in the same city, Mr. James Reilly, who has a branch store at Welland, having become slow in payment has also been attached. A Windsor stationer, Mr. G. A. Copland, has effected a compromise with his creditors, who are mostly in Toronto; the rate, we believe, is 30 cents. Mr. J. V. Burns, of Yarker, Ont., a worthy man, with a very fair business, but too much on credit, asked and obtained an extension of time last week. Two Kingston grocery concerns, Mr. Cyrus Ashley, and Messrs. T. J. Donaghue &

Co., have been served with attachments. A Quebec firm of grocers, Messrs. Geo. Hall & Co., have felt compelled to suspend payment. J. P. Godin, a dry goods dealer at Three Rivers, has been attached. J. A. McCarville, formerly of Montreal, a dealer in bankrupt stocks of dry goods on King St. East, Toronto, has assigned.

IN the list of recent dissolutions we find that of Dickson & Sharpe, provision dealers Toronto. Burns & Brady, flour and feed Toronto, John Burns continuing. Also L. B. Goodworth & Co, Commission Threads &c. Finlay & Anderson Haliburton General dealers have dissolved, Robert Finlay continuing. Barry & Hart, fruit dealers Montreal have dissolved partnership. Wilkie & Osborne, sewing machines, Guelph, announce a dissolution, Mr. W. Wilkie continuing. McIlwraith & Austin, founders, Listowell dissolve, Mr. Andrew McIlwraith continues.

THE week's business changes include 8 assignments, four of them in Ontario, the remainder in the Maritime provinces, 21 attachments, of which ten are in Ontario, six in Quebec, five in Nova Scotia. Mr. J. J. Southcott, a London grocer, is selling out; likewise Philip Niergart, shoe dealer, Baden. S. S. Hoar, a merchant at Alma, N. B., has failed; Shaw Bros., grocers, St. John, assigned and W. A. Tweeddale, trader, Muniac, assigns in trust. Attachments have overtaken Fred. Bossom, oil lamps, and Jeremiah Foley, trunks and shoes, Halifax; Jas. Lohnes, trader, Lunenburg; Levi Curry, plaster etc., Windsor, N. S. and F. R. S. Mildon, grocer, Yarmouth.

—La Banque du Peuple has declared a half-yearly dividend of two per cent.

—The Ville Marie Bank suspended payment this morning.

—The following Statement showing the comparative results in various countries from life insurance companies during 1877, appear in the *London Review*:

Countries.	No. of force Dec. 31 Cos. 1877.	Policies in force Dec. 31 1877.	Insurance engaged Dec. 31 1877.
England	109	1,006,856	£395,392,300
Germany	38	565,867	92,668,679
Austria and ...			
Switzerland	14	208,306	24,459,449
France.....	18	177,300	64,992,000
United States of America..	34	633,096	311,221,065
Total	208	2,591,425	£888,733,493

The Leading Wholesale Trade of Toronto

FIRE! FIRE! FIRE!
To My Customers and the Shoe Trade of Ontario:

I would say that owing to the FIRE IN MY FACTORY on the night of 16th July, I will not be able to fill all orders for three or four weeks, when I hope to be so far in working order again as to meet all the wants of my customers and friends in the Shoe Trade.

WM. B. HAMILTON,
FRONT STREET, TORONTO.