THE Winnipeg Free Press understands that Messrs. Carsley & Co., of Montreal, have bought out Alexander & Co., of the former place.

THE stock of Thomas Cox, grocer, Brantford, was sold on Monday last to Mr. Hagey, of Brantford. The price paid the assignee, Mr. F. H. Lamb, was 69½c.

How deep some of our mines are becoming may be judged from the fact that the new engine at the Acadia will have to haul coal up a slope 3,600 feet long-over two-thirds of a mile.-Trades Journal.

MR. JAMES LORD, a respected merchant of Montreal, whose firm has been established in the Newfoundland and lower ports trade for many years, died last week of pneumonia at Independence, Kansas, in his sixtieth year.

According to the Dundas Banner, Messrs. Howell and Thompson, of Copetown, have formed a co-partnership and united the two branches of their business. The shipping, which was stopped during stocktaking in the store, has been resumed, and they are now busily shipping again.

It is stated that the city council of Victoria, which imposed a tax of \$100 per annum upon commercial travellers, has now decided to grant a rebate of \$80 to all who voluntarily call and pay the balance of \$10 half yearly. This is a curious roundabout method of concession, but it is a concession.

W. V. Gordon, of Montreal, started a West End business in fine groceries some seven years ago, under fairly favorable auspices, though with a very limited cash capital. He has had to finance closely all along, and latterly it was apparently pretty hard scratching for him. Last week he had to call a meeting of his creditors, and has since assigned. Liabilities are stated at about \$25,000, the greater bulk being to one house.

Women are represented in nearly every branch of business known in New York, says the Springfield Republican. There are numerous dealers in groceries, dry-goods, fancy goods, gloves and hosiery, house-furnishing articles, carpets, corsets and clothing; several florists, furriers, pawnbrokers, undertakers, paper dealers; importers of linen, laces and feathers, bric-a-brac and antiquities, china, glass and perfumes, and dozens of other branches of employment in which they are engaged to a greater or less extent. As a class they do not venture into wholesale business, preferring small profits and less risks.

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THE creditors of Hector McQuarrie, of Baysville, held an adjourned meeting at the office of F. H. Lamb, assignee, Hamilton, on the 31st. The meeting was again adjourned until 7th April for the purpose of giving Mr. McQuarrie an opportunity of perfecting his arrangements for payment in full, failing which the estate will be realized.

THE suspension of the well known metaldealing and paper-making firm of J. & W. Reid, Quebec, was rather unexpected, though known to be rather short of active capital proportionate to the extent of their operations. Some joint operations with Letourneux & Co., a junk firm, lately failed, are believed to have precipitated their stoppage. Liabilities not yet ascertained.

THE Windsor Record tells the story that Horace B. Alexander, who was last season the head porter of the Mettawas Hotel, in Kingsville, is now in Calcutta, East India, and is agent for that city and district for H. Walker & Sons' Canadian Club Whiskey. "We have it on good authority that the firm are making shipments of one hundred cases a month through his agency."

In his speech to the Bahamas legislature Governor Shea said: "A contract has been entered into with Messrs. Pickford & Black, of Halifax, for a mail and general fortnightly steam service between Nassau and the leading places in the out islands. This contract is for seven years at an annual subsidy of £2,500, of which £1,500 per annum will be contributed from Crown funds."

THE nickel ore discovered in Frontenso County, Ontario, which we mentioned last week, was made about four miles northwest of the village of Plevna, on the property of Messrs. Allison and Platt, of Adolphustown. Miners who have worked at Sudbury say that the rock formation in portions of South Sherbrooke township is very similar to that at Sudbury, and they think that nickel will yet be found in South Sherbrooke.

THE Quebec shoe concern alluded to last week in our leather report as being in difficulties, is the Canadian Shoe Company, a joint stock concern with a nominal capital of \$8.000. The record of such concerns has been a poor one, but the management in this case has been above the average, and their prospects were considered fair. Their stoppage is due to a curtailment of discounts. It is said a composition on a 50 cents basis has been proposed. The direct liabilities are \$62,356.

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ACHILLE CARON, a small general dealer of St. Pierre les Becquets, has assigned to the court. He owes \$1,667.—F. Merleau, who began a small general business at St. Telesphore, Que., about five years ago, has abandoned his estate, and shows liabilities of \$2,100.--Napoleon Morin began keeping a small store in Chicoutimi in the spring of 1888 on very limited capital, and has now given up the conflict. A Quebec assignee has his estate in hand.

THE Canadian Pacific company state their earnings for February, 1891, as follows: Gross earnings, \$1,338,494; working expenses, \$1,001,-674; net profits, \$336,820. In February, 1890, the net profits were \$168,873, and for the two months ending February 28th, 1891, the figures are as follows: Gross earnings, \$2,703,715; working expenses, \$2,037,169; net profits, \$666,546. For the two months ending February 28th, 1890, net profits were \$374,361. The earnings and expenses of the New Brunswick railway are included in the figures in both years.

An upholsterer, named G. L. Danforth, did a small business in London for something less than a year. And after getting into some trouble, it is said he has suddenly crossed the border, leaving creditors in the lurch.---H. Barber & Co., assignees in this city, are in charge of the hardware business of J. W. Richardson, at North Bay. His trouble, no doubt, arose through granting credit too freely. -After making pumps, etc., for many years, and saving money thereby, Wm. Robertson, of Oakville, has at last got behind with his creditors. His property is mortgaged, the premises closed, and a sale advertised.

THE Montreal Ocean Steamship Company, familiarly known as the Allan Line, has purchased six vessels, all first-class boats, of the State Steamship Company, of Glasgow, now in liquidation—the "State of Alabama," 2,313 tons; "State of Indiana," 2,584 tons; "State of Nebraska," 3,996 tons; "State of Pennsylvania," 2,483 tons; "State of Georgia," 2,489 tons, and "State of Nevada," 2,488 tons. It is generally believed that at least some of them will be put on the Montreal route to replace the steamships "Siberian," "Corean," "Assyrian" and "Pomeranian," which will go on the New York service. The "Assyrian" is to sail from Glasgow for New York on May 1st, and others will follow weekly. The new vessel which is being built for the Allans is expected to be ready about June.

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