

A MONTREAL contractor, Omer Frechette, has assigned, with liabilities of \$5,800.

EMILIEN BERTHELET, a small grocer of Montreal, has assigned with liabilities of about \$2,000.

VERNETTE & GOULET, general storekeepers, Robertson Station, Que., have assigned owing some \$4,000. They were in business some five or six years, but trade was a limited one.

ERNEST DIONNE, the owner of a general store, St. Germain de Kamouraska, whose troubles have been already alluded to, is now compromising at 50c. on the dollar.

J. T. POIRIER & Co., grocers, Montreal, have fyled consent to assign on demand of L. P. Lazure. They have had a short career, only starting last May, but made a big splurge, selling cheap, and apparently without profit.

A DEMAND of assignment has been made on J. A. Grenier, general storekeeper, of Louiseville, Que., and he will likely assign in a day or two, as he is understood to show a deficiency on liabilities of about \$11,000.

A NEW elevator being built at Prescott by the Prescott Elevator Company, composed chiefly of Ottawa capitalists, is expected to be completed and ready for business towards the end of this month. The storage capacity of this elevator is half a million bushels, and elevating capacity 25,000 bushels per hour.

D. H. Welsh, confectioner, Montreal, is offering 25 cents on the dollar, but will likely pay more, as creditors do not seem inclined to accept this. He owes about \$5,600, and was doing fairly well, but seems to have attempted too much, opening a second store, which was not considered a wise move. He also invested something in real estate and his means were tied up.

J. B. PHELAN, a dealer in wood and coal of Amherst, N.S., has assigned, at one time in grocery. He gave that up last fall to enter a new trade, but change of business has evidently not turned out well.—M. D. Cameron, general storekeeper, Louisburg, N.S., has assigned. He was formerly a school-teacher, but started storekeeping eight years ago, without much success, however, and has been going behind for sometime back.—P. N. Tellier & Co., general storekeepers, Berthierville, Que., are offering 25c. on the dollar, but creditors want 40c. The firm has been in existence a little over a year. P. N. Tellier, who managed, was at one time of Laferriere & Tellier, who were unsuccessful.

THE Mark Lane *Express*, in an article upon the wheat crop in Great Britain, says that reports from the various districts in England show the yield this year to be 78.4 per cent. of the average. The yield in Wales is 80 per cent. of the average, and in Scotland 83.1 per cent., making the entire crop for Great Britain 22 per cent. behind that of last year. The harvest is now in progress, but the weather is unfavorable for the work.

THE enterprise of the promoters of the Toronto Cold Storage Company is apparently being rewarded. Many letters of enquiry are being received by Mr. W. H. Leckie, the company's manager, and a number of dealers are taking advantage of the facilities which the warehouse afford. Workmen are busy putting in electric light apparatus, and insulating the walls of the building with mineral wool.

H. J. RICKEY, hotel keeper, Burrill's Rapids, Ont., already noted as assigned, is now offering creditors 25 per cent., cash.—J. A. Roys, of Cornwall, Ont., has been carrying on business as agent for agricultural implements, &c., for some years, but has been obliged to assign. He owes some \$15,000. Evidently he attempted too much for his means. He also lost something recently by robbery while the circus was in town.

THE London *Grocer's Gazette* says: Lobsters are moving off freely at firm prices, with an advance of 6d. to 1s. per case on ordinary talls. There have been about 4,000 cases entered this week in London and Liverpool per the steamships "England," "Cambroman" and "Bostonian." Half-pound flats and talls continue to be very scarce, and very high prices are being asked for what little is offering. We understand that there is only about half the pack of lobsters this year that there was last year.

ON Tuesday August 6th, a representative gathering of Manitoba millers was held in Brandon. The object of the meeting was to form an organization similar to that of the Ontario Millers' Association. This was accomplished and the following officers elected:—President, Mr. Andrew Kelly, Brandon; 1st vice-president, Mr. R. C. Innis, Neepawa; 2nd vice-president, Mr. J. A. S. Mackay; secretary-treasurer, Mr. R. Mair, Winnipeg; executive committee, Messrs. Wm. Herriott, Souris; H. B. Joyner, Fort Qu'Appelle; J. W. Cochrane, Glenboro; E. Peplow, Rapid City; Finlay Young, Killarney.

FOR some time past E. W. Bickle & Co., general storekeepers, Wellington, B.C., have rapidly become involved, several judgments having been obtained against them. Strong competition and depression in business is assigned as the cause of their trouble.—Carlin & Lake, general merchants and contractors, have been in Golden, B.C., since the building of the C.P. Railway and are now in trouble. Last December they held a meeting of creditors in Winnipeg and obtained an extension for one year. At that time they claimed assets of \$130,000 and liabilities of \$70,000. We now hear of their assignment.

ABOUT twenty-five years ago the general store of Hodgins & Pay was started in Clinton. John Hodgins succeeded to the business in February, 1879, and continued until his death in January, 1883, leaving a valuable estate. His brother and brother-in-law were then appointed executors, and they secured the services of a practical man to take charge of the business. Later on the management passed into the hands of two sons of the deceased. This has evidently proved disastrous to creditors, as their statement now shows that they owe \$44,000. They have stock amounting to \$25,000; this has been purchased by the Hodgins Bros at 40 per cent. discount. It is quite possible that the executors may be brought into court to account for their stewardship.

SOME thirty of the leading business men of Amherstburg assembled at a banquet given to Mr. Loftus Cuddy last week on the occasion of his leaving that town to reside permanently in Cleveland, Ohio, where he has large and growing business interests. The testimony borne on that occasion by speaker after speaker to the integrity, capacity and public spirit of Mr. Cuddy was such as any man might have been proud of. His career since he left Strathroy, in 1878, to open a private bank in Amherstburg has been one of continued success and increasing esteem. Indeed, he has proved an example to many in the same profession in the way of shrewd perception, skillful and prudent management. Although hereafter to be resident in Cleveland, Mr. Cuddy retains business connections in Canada. He has branches of the Cuddy-Mullen Coal Company on the Detroit River, and continues to be the capitalist in the Cuddy-Falls Banking Co., Limited, of which the Messrs. W. and F. Falls have for some years been the managers.

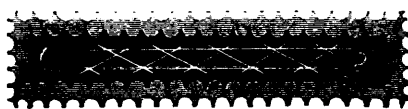
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