

opposition among the vessel men of that and other lake cities. One agent declares his vessels will use the old and shorter channel if toll be insisted on and avoid the canal.

We have to record the death of a worthy citizen and successful business man of Hamilton, Mr. John Garrett, who died suddenly in that city, but after protracted illness, on the 20th August. Mr. Garrett came to Hamilton from Manchester, Eng., where he had been bred to the dry goods business, in 1854, and remained with one firm, Messrs. Kerr, Brown & Co., for nearly twelve years. In 1865 he began the business of shoe manufacturing, together with the late Mr. G. J. Foster. Of recent years his partners have been Messrs. John A. Orr and Robt. H. Park, who will continue the business under the old style of John Garrett & Co. The deceased gentleman founded the success of his firm in uprightness and economy, attending with diligence to his business, and dealing with his customers as he desired in his integrity to be done by. Charitable, but unpretending, he leaves behind him a good name, which is even better than great riches.

It is expected that Congress will appropriate \$25,000 in December next for the erection of a new light house at the entrance to the River St. Clair.

WATERLOO, Que. proposes to buy back another instalment of bonds in a few months—a matter of \$5000. So says the *Advertiser*.

AN Eastern Townships Exchange says:—"You can't advertise enough in a week to last a whole year, any more than you can eat enough in seven days to last three hundred and sixty-five; and yet some men, so-called business men, seem to think so."

THE South Eastern Railway will shortly have an addition of three new engines built by the Providence Locomotive Company, and expect them at an early day.

Of those who would some years ago have been deemed least likely to fail, but whom misfortune has overtaken, is Mr. Ovide Dufresne, well known in Montreal for many years past as one of the most prominent French Canadian produce merchants. He had a commission warehouse in that city, and a mill some distance down the St. Lawrence; and a few years ago when land speculation was rife, he joined a syndicate who purchased land in the western suburbs of the city. This embarrassed, and appears at last to have ruined him, for a writ of attachment has been issued against his estate.

THE Quebec firm of Hossack, Woods & Co., wholesale confectioners and grocers, has suspended payment.—The Montreal firm of silk manufacturers, not long established, Messrs. D. & A. Corriveau, has been served with a writ of attachment.—David Waugh, retail haberdasher of Montreal, getting behind in his payments has been attached.

We observe that the writ of attachment which we announced in our last as issued against Mr. Stephen Wilcock, jeweller, of this city has been set aside.

WINDSOR, from being for a few years past, unhappily dull, in contrast with its activity and rapid growth during and shortly after the civil war, promises to be a good point for manufacturers. "In cigars and tobacco, vinegar, corsets, stove pipes and boilers, it has factories either in operation or shortly to begin," says a report. We have made enquiries respecting the several factories now in operation there, and learn that the Western Corset Works, started this year by American parties, are now turning out about 30 dozen per day and employ about 100 hands, intending to increase the number shortly to 150. The Vinegar factory has been put into operation and seems to be doing well, it also is owned by Americans and does not require a heavy capital. The Globe Tobacco works and the Cuban cigar works are doing a steady business but don't employ a large number of hands, and were there before the new tariff. The Detroit stove pipe and elbow works is a concern whose importance has been exaggerated; it occupies one upper room and employs but two or three people. The yeast company's works are of the same description. Mr. Gregor of the Detroit Boiler works has erected a small shop here with a few men. The various works owned by Americans, although their extent has been much over stated, are welcome additions to our industries.

THE banks in Montreal report the fourth of September payments to have been for the most part satisfactorily met, better in fact than had been anticipated. Enquiries made of banks here meet with a like response; we may therefore conclude that a very large share of the bills falling due this week have been paid. In cases where renewals have been given, the middle of October will probably see them fully met, for it will take till then before the results of the harvest will be felt.

VESSELS charters on the lakes are lively, says a Detroit despatch. One firm has loaded ten vessels with grain. Chicago advices also indicate much activity among propellers and vessels.

THE dry goods estate of Messrs. Fish, Shepherd & Co., of Montreal, is a poor one, according to the statement shown:—The assets are nominally \$54,000 while the direct liabilities amount to \$171,000 and the indirect to \$75,000, a total of \$246,000. The Consolidated Bank is interested to the extent of \$183,000. Mr. P. S. Ross has been appointed assignee, and Messrs. John Rankin, H. L. Smith, J. L. Morris and J. B. Stevenson, inspectors of the estate.

THE business of the Redpath Sugar Refinery has been transferred to the Canada Sugar Refining Company, of which Mr. Peter Redpath is President.

THE Montreal, Portland and Boston Railway, including the new extension from Longueuil to the river opposite Montreal, has been transferred to the South-Eastern Co., who expect to have their ferry boats running in connection therewith next week.

WRITS of attachment have been issued against the following. Oliver Deguise, contract-

or, McDuff Lamb, butcher, of Montreal. John Gardner druggist and McDuff Simpson, hatter and furrier, also of that city have made assignments.

TEN assignments and fifteen attachments appear in the week's list of changes; Of the former, J. H. Wright, general dealer, Sorel; John Hill, Grocer, Ottawa; Wm. Harwood clothing, Toronto; A. H. Murphy & Co., wharfingers, Quebec, are the more important names not noted elsewhere. E. A. Hodgson & Co., general dealers, and Chas. Drake, woodworker, Lachute; Wm. McKenzie, grocer, and Hughes & Co., flour and feed, Toronto; R. S. Dickson & Son, lumber, St. John, N. B.; F. X. Marsoin & Son, flour, and C. H. Donaghy, grocer, Montreal; E. G. Chamberlain, grocer, &c. Parkhill, P. Slattery, tailor, Almonte, and George Gage, shoes, Hamilton, are among the attached. Mr. Thos. Lunney, a St. John clothier, is in bankruptcy, and Wm. Avard, general store, Bristol, N. B., has compromised.

A VERY shrewd French merchant, who is a close observer, writes that during one of the last sittings of the French Chamber, the Minister of Agriculture said: "From this day our farmers might as well make up their mind that the United States will be the granary of France, and adds "He was perfectly right, for the price French farmers are obliged to submit to in order to realize, in competition with American grain, is simply ruinous. One of the largest farmers in France advises me that his wheat cost him stored in his granary 27 francs per hectolitre, and that millers can buy American wheat fully as good for 22.50 per hectolitre. Just imagine what a loss!" As the hectolitre contains about 2 bushels and 3 pecks, it follows that these prices are say \$1.77 per bushel cost of the French grain to the farmer against \$1.47, at which price the American exporter gets his profit.

—Bent glass for the manufacture of show cases, has been placed on the free list, provided it is not made in Canada.

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