

Much regret is expressed at the untimely death of F. M. Midford, a popular representative of Dun, Wiman & Co., in this city. Deceased had been connected with the agency for upwards of ten years, and only just entered upon his new duties of office superintendent under Mr. W. C. Matthews. He was 38 years of age and unmarried.

It is twelve years since the Hamilton Industrial Works Co. was formed in Hamilton, with a paid up capital of about \$15,000. The results of the enterprise have not been satisfactory. In 1880 a compromise of 50 cents on the dollar was effected, and since then the outlook has been anything but bright. An assignment has now been made.

The minor failures of the week in this province are those of E. & J. Barrett, sewing machines, Belleville; C. W. Marlatt, baker and grocer, Shelbourne; D. S. Wright, tin-smith, Newmarket; W. H. Ireland, grocer, Trenton; W. J. Eby, tailor, Toronto; John Halister, harness, Wyebidge; W. Weir, tailor, Windsor, and Dick Bros., ready-made clothing, Brantford.

WILFRED BEAUCHAMP, of Montreal, who assumed the dry goods business of his uncle only about a year ago, has assigned, owing about \$10,000.—Another short record in the Montreal dry goods trade, is that of Henri Millette, who bought a small stock last summer on time, and has now assigned.—A. Fontaine, a crockery dealer in the same city, has failed, owing \$2,041.

A COUNTRY shoemaker at Athelstan, Que., named Damase Larche, has assigned with the very considerable liabilities of \$8,000.—F. Godbout, a threshing machine maker of St. Anne, Que., has assigned to the court. He made some loss by fire in 1887, and has been cramped for the past year or more. His liabilities are quite extensive, and it is said will reach close on to \$50,000.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Cable reports this week indicate but few changes in the metal line, with the exception that tin plates are reported as considerably firmer and pig lead if anything easier. Iron and steel remain unaltered. Copper if anything favors buyers, although in consequence of the large consumption there does not appear to be any prospect of price receding further; ingot tin unaltered. Payments cannot be regarded as exceptionally good, although they are not any worse than the corresponding period of last year. Window glass slightly lower for future delivery.

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We glean the following with reference to the Prince Edward Island winter steamship service in connection with the Intercolonial Railway. The steamer "Stanley" will in future leave Picton, N.S., for Georgetown, P. E.I., on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 6 o'clock, and will leave Georgetown for Picton on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings at 6 o'clock.

In our issue of 30th January, reference was made to the affairs of A. L. Dent, grocer, of Woodstock, in a way which does that gentleman an injustice. The paragraph said that Mr. Dent's liabilities were \$4,000 in excess of his assets, whereas we intended to say that his assets were \$4,000 in excess of his liabilities, a very different story. We regret having prejudiced Mr. Dent's reputation by the error.

PHILIP O'REILLY, an Ottawa clothier, has assigned to Mutchmor Gordon & Co., with liabilities stated at about \$10,000. He came from Aylmer several years ago, and had apparently been doing an active business.—Oliver Desmarais was a farmer, and began store business in 1887, without education or experience. Latterly he went into a banking business as well, and has besides been selling liquor illicitly, having to stand an occasional fine. He has now assigned to Messrs. Galarneau & Co., Montreal.

A MONTREAL shoe manufacturing concern, named Wells & Crossley, whose affairs were considerably discussed last fall, when they showed an apparent surplus of \$16,000, have now assigned at the instance of their bankers. They show liabilities direct \$28,636: indirect, about \$12,500. Their business career has been a brief one, as they only began in the fall of 1889.—Peter Harkness, doing business as the "West End Dry Good Store" in Montreal, has made an assignment. He tried to effect a settlement a few days ago at 50 cents, but creditors declined. Liabilities are \$5,935.

The Automatic Refrigerator Company, of Ottawa, in which Mr. James Gordon is the sole partner, has assigned. The concern began with a flourish about five years ago, and established branches in Montreal and Toronto, but their affairs have been getting into bad shape for some time past, suits being frequent.—Bannerman & Powers, boiler-makers at Ottawa, have assigned, and a meeting of creditors is called for to-day. Their troubles are thought to be more due to internal friction and an improper conception of the importance of meeting their engagements promptly, than to anything else.

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For several years Leir Brothers have been doing the leading dry goods business at St. Johns, Que. They find themselves embarrassed, owing to their being large creditors, for goods and endorsements, of Israel Rosenstein, whose rascally absconding we lately reported. They owe about \$20,000, and creditors are granting them a settlement at 60 cents on the dollar.—A. Lauthier, a dry goods man at Waterloo, Que., last week made an offer of 35 cents in the dollar to his creditors, which does not appear acceptable, as he has been asked to assign.

L. A. PREVOST, dry goods dealer, Montreal, has assigned on the demand of P. E. Paquette, whose business he bought out last fall, and who is a creditor for some \$13,000. Prevost originally began business in 1888, on small capital, and owes now \$28,997. The suspended wholesale firm of McLachlan Bros. & Co. are creditors for \$8,000.—Bernier Bros. & Co., formerly of Robitaille, Bernier & Bernier, dry goods, Quebec, where they failed in the fall of 1889, and who subsequently started a dry goods business in Montreal, have assigned to the court. Their liabilities, \$14,199, are nearly altogether due to McLachlan Bros. and Lindsay, Gilmour & Co.

The harvest for fish dealers is the Lenten season, now upon us, and we are reminded that the Bishops and pastors are less likely to give dispensations for flesh-eating than they were during the prevalence of *La Grippe* a year ago. Stocks of fish are short in some lines, it appears, but there is still a good variety to choose from. If the rich swells have their oysters, or mackerel, or salmon, the less favored ones can find good store of Labrador herrings or boneless codfish, which, properly cooked, are both tasty and substantial food. In fact, if our people ate more freely of our wonderful store of fish foods instead of beef and pork, the change might be to their advantage.

About five years ago, W. G. Livingstone started a general store in the name of his wife at Glenboro, Man. Last February his creditors granted him an extension of one year. In December he contemplated adding hardware to his line, but January saw him burnt out and now S. A. D. Bertrand has charge of his affairs.—The same assignee is adjusting the accounts of A. D'Auteuil, also in the general goods trade at Letellier. This is the wife of P. A. D'Auteuil, who made a rather bad failure in Winnipeg some years ago. He bought the stock of E. M. Gatliff, and until the date of the present failure has been doing

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