

An important real estate transaction, at Vancouver, was the sale of the whole of Mr. Morton's remaining property in Lot 184 (on the Brighthouse estate, and immediately adjacent to Stanley Park). The purchase price is understood to have amounted to over \$60,000, but we are not told how much land there was.

The importation of European horses into the United States by the St. Lawrence route is considerable. One man brought last week twenty ponies by the SS. "Warwick," from Glasgow, for a firm in Manhattan, Ill. A Scotchman is about buying several carloads of French coaching and English hackney horses. One carload is for Clancy Bros., St. Paul, to be shipped by the "Soo" line. Another load is for Sioux City, Iowa.

A GOVERNMENT engineer, Mr. Munro, with his staff, has finished the survey of the line of the projected canal on the north shore of the St. Lawrence, to supplement the Beauharnois canal. It will start from the Cascades, and run inland as far as the Cedres, the water stretch being from there to Coteau du Lac, from which point to Coteau Landing it will be inland again. The depth will be fourteen feet, and breadth three hundred feet.

HENRY CHANDLER, plumber, Ottawa, late Dewis & Chandler, has assigned for himself and the firm, which was dissolved six months ago. They commenced about ten years ago, got an extension in 1887, and in 1888 effected a settlement at 50 cents on the dollar. Since then the firm made no headway, and when Dewis withdrew on account of poor health his interest was fixed at \$300. No figures of liabilities are yet to hand, but they will probably reach \$5,000.

A NEW YORK jeweller has lately filled a unique order. This was the plating with heavy gold of a set of floor registers made of solid brass in an ornate design. These registers are to ornament the palace which—lately built above—on the Hudson. Commenting on which waste the *Christian Union* says: "A gold-plated floor register is a tribute to sudden wealth undirected by nature or training; a thing for the wise man's scoffing, the hungry man's anger, the thief's temptation—a blot on civilization."

In answer to an enquiry about a new word, made of him by the editor of the *American Grocer*, Mr. Theodore Child writes from Paris to the following effect: "The word *Paratriptics* is formed on the analogy of the words *politics*, *physics*, etc., derived from two Greek words, *Para*, meaning against, and *tribein*, to

rub—and also on the analogy of words like *parasol* and *parachute*. The word *Paratriptics* has been used by medical writers in connection with products like tea, cocoa, etc., which have the faculty, it is supposed, of preventing or diminishing the wear and tear of the tissues."

For some thirty past James Scougale has been a carriage maker at Colborne. Lately he extended his business too much, which, with slow collections, made it difficult to meet his engagements, and he has assigned.—Too much credit has brought Taylor & Bros., general storekeepers, to grief at Burk's Falls. After five years' work they have assigned.—Two years ago W. J. Minore succeeded G. W. Hall in the manufacture of confectionery at Peterboro', but not being able to collect his accounts fast enough, he has been sued, and now assigns.

AFTER two years' experience in keeping a dry goods store at Petrolia, with small capital, B. Lancey finds that he has not made any progress, and assigns.—The creditors in the estate of R. Murphy, grocer in Stratford, will not get a dividend. His goods were lately sold by the bailiff.—John Downie, merchant, had at one time a good business in Chatham, but latterly it "went slow," as the saying is, so last year he went to Windsor. But he did not succeed, and has assigned.—There are two assignments in Woodstock. They are those of Robert McLeod, dealer in flour, etc., and George Dunster, contractor and speculative builder.

In June, 1883, J. S. Rogerson began the retail dry goods business in Guelph with a small capital. This he was able to increase, and at one time he appeared to be making solid progress. But he came to a stop the other day and his estate is in the hands of an assignee. His liabilities are about \$12,000, and his assets nominally equal them.—C. B. Hoey, dealer in shoes at Shelburne, Ont., makes an assignment after being in business about a year.—Arch. Fairgreaves, dealer in stoves, etc., in Toronto, met his creditors last month. His statement showed liabilities of \$7,000 and assets \$2,000. He has compromised at 25 per cent.

A STOREKEEPER at Chicoutimi, Que., named Wm. Grant, tried to better his position last year by taking a contract to get out logs. But he lost money instead of making it and has assigned, owing \$8,000 and showing assets of \$6,000.—Magloire Masse, a tanner, of Joliette, Que., has assigned with liabilities of

\$4,000. He appeared to be doing a fair local trade, but during the past year or so has had some family trouble and his business suffered through want of close attention.—Edward O'Reilly, dealer in clothing, &c., at Aylmer, Que., who was referred to two weeks ago as being in difficulties, has been unable to come to a satisfactory arrangement with his creditors and has assigned. His liabilities are over \$40,000, not \$14,000, as mentioned before.

LAST year the firm of William Hogg & Co. bought the retail grocery stock of T. Butler, which amounted to \$2,000, paying \$500 cash, balance on time. Hogg formerly had a small business at Hintonburg, and his partner, Geo. L. Stewart, who furnished the capital, was connected with a mine at Buckingham, Que. He was reputed to have means, but it appears did not care to put any more of his money in this business.—A. J. McMahon, retail dry goods dealer, Kingston, has assigned, owing \$13,000. He appeared to do a fair trade, but found competition keen, and as he had little capital, his success has been doubtful from the start, some two or three years since.

For several years, F. Bourgois kept a store at Tadousac, Que., and did quite an extensive trade for the place, but has gone behind, and last year was unable to meet his engagements in full. His creditors accepted 50 cents on the dollar. Since then there has been no improvement and he has been compelled to assign to get out of his troubles.—A. Morency, who had been doing a small custom tailoring business in Quebec city, has never succeeded in making over a living and has now assigned. He owes very little, but his assets will hardly realize more than 20 cents on the dollar.

M. TARDIF, who has been carrying on a bar-bering business in Montreal for some years, is in trouble. His creditors met on the 5th inst. He some time since opened in the Balmoral hotel, and added cigars, etc., to his business, but the move has not proved a good one for him, as two successive fires have occurred in the building, and he has suffered some loss.—A demand of assignment has been made on Leonard Prowse, tinsmith, of Mont-

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