

IMPORTS at Amherstburg, in May, were \$8,974, and exports \$27,200.

THERE was a big rush at the Nova Scotia mines office, last Friday and Saturday, for areas in the northern part of Montague district, and over 200 were taken up.

EXPORTS from St. John during May were of the value of \$350,151, which is \$60,000 more than in the previous May. The imports amounted to \$294,000, which is \$25,000 less.

CUSTOM house collections at the port of Victoria, B.C., in May, were \$61,142.12. The imports for the month were: Dutiable goods, \$159,766; free goods, \$41,415; total imports, \$201,181. Exports, \$134,696.

THE plans of the T., H. & B. station at Hamilton have been approved of and tenders are advertised for. The building must be completed by Aug. 23. It will be situated on the north side of Hunter street, between James and Hughson streets.

THE Druggists' Association of the Province of Quebec held its annual meeting this week in Montreal. There were elected to the provincial council: Messrs. R. W. Williams, Three Rivers; E. Roy, Quebec; Alex. Marson, C. J. Covertton, A. D. Mann and C. E. Scarff, Montreal.

THE Winnipeg Electric Street Railway Company will spend between \$50,000 and \$60,000 in putting in a large plant into their new works, with greater capacity than is at present needed. We understand that not only has the contract for boilers, engines and dynamos already been let, but some machinery has already arrived at Winnipeg. The power house is to be enlarged by an addition, which will have brick walls and iron roof. A chimney 150 feet high will also be erected.

THE fascination which storekeeping has for some men is not extinguished by a lifetime of struggle and a series of difficulties. For an example of this, here is Mr. Charles May, of Dunnville. He was in the general store business many years without success, and assigned in 1880. After that date he continued for a while in his wife's name, but obtaining a discharge in 1883, resumed in his own name. Owing to heavy losses in cheese in 1886, he got into trouble again, but his father came to his rescue and tided him over the difficulty. Five years ago his store was operated in the interest of the Patrons of Industry, and resulted in a loss. This he has not been able to recover, and now he makes an assignment.

THE Territorial Exhibition which opens at Regina, on 29th July, will have a prize list of \$19,000.

E. O'CALLAGHAN, dry goods, Cornwall, reported embarrassed a week ago, is asking an extension of twelve months, secured by a brother. The liabilities are \$9,000, and he shows nominal assets of about \$15,000.

A CONVENTION of railway-telegraph superintendents assembled in the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, on Wednesday last. It was presided over by Mr. M. B. Leonard, vice-president of the association, in the absence of the president, Mr. O. C. Green, of St. Paul, Minn.

THE following is a statement of the work of the inspectors of the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company from the date of its organization to the first of the current year: Visits of inspection made, 891,707; whole number of boilers inspected, 1,771,992; complete internal inspections, 687,600; boilers tested by hydrostatic pressure, 109,881; total number of defects discovered, 1,341,330; total number of dangerous defects, 168,502; total number of boilers condemned, 9,001.

THE new fire insurance company which for some months has been organizing in Winnipeg, is said to be now ready for business. Its name is The Canadian Fire Insurance Company, and the officers are: J. H. Ashdown, president; F. W. Stobart, vice-president; R. T. Riley, managing director; and F. K. Foster, secretary. The following are the directors: G. R. Crowe, R. J. Campbell, E. F. Hutchings and J. A. Richard. There are advisory boards at Brandon and Portage la Prairie, where not a little of the stock (of \$300,000) has been taken. The present charter of the company, we understand, confines its business to Manitoba.

HERE following we note the weekly quota of failures in the Province of Quebec, none of which are important. — Anthime Lemieux, general store, L'Islet, is arranging a compromise at 40 cents on the dollar. He owes for merchandise \$2,150, and also has some mortgage indebtedness. — Angus McNaughton, general dealer, of Hutingdon, previously reported in trouble, has completed a compromise at 50 cents, cash. — J. L. Gaumond, of St. Anne de la Perade, is trying to settle with creditors at 50 cents on the dollar. He began business in 1889, and failed before in 1893. — A. N. Ouimet, general dealer, Farnham, whose insolvency we noted several weeks ago, has arranged a compromise at 25 cents in the dollar, cash.

MAY shipments of coal from the port of Nanaimo amounted to but 49,495 tons. This is said to be the smallest monthly shipment for several years, and is due to the bad state of the California market.

OWING to locking up funds in timber limits and other lands, D. C. Wallace, dealer in lumber, coal and wood, Brantford, has been hard pressed to meet his payments, and at last has assigned. He has been there about six years, but lately has been inclined to extend his business beyond his means.

IN September, 1893, Buettner & Johnston succeeded J. Mullen in the grocery business at Winnipeg, paying \$640 cash for stock, etc., which represented their entire capital. In May they claimed to have a surplus of \$1,000, but more than this was represented by book accounts. Under these circumstances no one need wonder that they have assigned.

FOR weeks it has been known in grocery circles that the selling agreement of the Canadian Packers' Association was being violated. Things finally reached the stage when the committee declared themselves powerless to control the situation, and the agreement was terminated. This, of course, does not put an end to the association, but merely to its arrangement in regard to selling goods. That the brief existence of the agreement has been beneficial we do not doubt. By organized effort the association has succeeded in introducing the brands of many packers into distant parts of the country which could not have been reached by the efforts of individual firms. The future is uncertain, and there seems just now little likelihood that the agreement will be revived.

AN offer to compromise at 50 per cent. has been made by Hugh Lovelace, cigar dealer in London. He carries a stock of \$3,000, and his brother Thomas is said to be interested in the business, although it is doubtful if he can be held liable for the debts. — An assignment is made by Edmund Bennett, undertaker at Glencoe, with small liabilities. — Fifty per cent. is offered to the creditors of Little & Morrow, harness-makers, Shelburne, whose assignment we noted about three weeks ago. — For many years (nineteen, it is said,) Pat. Slavin was a clothier in Napanee, and in 1875 he failed. Sometime afterwards he kept a hotel in Vancouver under his wife's name. The sheriff closed that business in June, 1892. In October following he opened a dry goods store in Deseronto with a stock of \$5,000, for which he gave a chattel mortgage. Now he makes an assignment.

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