

press is accompanied by a handsomely illustrated chart, from which can be seen *fac similes* of the shield, brasses, book plate, and other relics of the ancestry of the man who was called "the father of his country."

At a meeting of the Ontario Commercial Travellers Association some days ago at London, the report of Special Auditor Jewell was read, showing a defalcation by the late J. Atkinson, treasurer of \$3 000. The largest proportion was stolen by means of false entries in the bank book. One thousand dollars will be received from the Guarantee company. H. D. Long, formerly of E. Adams & Co., has been appointed treasurer.

THAT burlesque upon the mutual system and absurd attempt to apply the co-operative to even the marriage relation, The Mutual Marriage Aid Association, has met, as its precious managers admit, with "misfortune." Some policy-holders who had been assessed for \$200 within a single month, cannot see "how the thing works" and application has been made at Osgoode Hall to have the concern wound up. Walter B. Webber, late secretary and John M. Webber, have been arrested as swindlers on an information from Belleville and bail has been refused. We have several times warned our readers that this concern was a humbug.

SAID Mr. John Reade, in his admirable paper, "The Making of Canada," read before the Royal Society of Canada, at Ottawa, lately: "In extent, Canada is the fourth of the great powers of the world. In population, Canada is in advance of about a dozen independent kingdoms and republics. In public works, shipping, commerce, manufactures, industries, Canada is great, and growing daily greater. It ought to be a pride to take part in any way in the making of such a nation, in the development of its resources, in fostering its literature, science, and art. We have great scientific names. We have an academy which has done some creditable work, and, objections notwithstanding, our literature is not devoid of promise. In 1800, when the United States was at our age as a federation and in our stage of growth in population, it had done less in literature than we have done."

On the subject of female chemists and druggists the San Francisco *Call* thinks that in the general enlargement of woman's sphere of employment the dispensing of drugs suggests itself as a pursuit admirably adapted to the sex's capabilities. "The practice of pharmacy requires little in the way of physical strength, and certainly woman's capacity for receiving the necessary preliminary instructions is quite as great as the average drug clerk, while her superior delicacy of touch and dexterity of hand would be of great advantage in the nice duties of the position. As to the comparative probability of her substituting morphine where quinine is prescribed, it would be difficult to predict, but as a precautionary measure it might be well to admit to positions only such applicants as a certain degree of age and unattractiveness precludes from probable disturbance of the affections."

A WINNIPEG *Sun* reporter has been interviewing some of the leading farm owners from southern Manitoba and they tell a different story from the railway authorities. The average area in the south of the province sown will not, in their opinion, be larger than last year. The oat crop is a failure and some have re-sown with barley. Many persons will be surprised to hear that frozen wheat will germinate; one farmer has sown 86 acres down with this wheat which would not sell for 15c. per bushel. The weather has been most favorable and the crop is in excellent condition. Speaking of the crops of the Province of Manitoba, in general the *Sun* says that the recent rains "have advanced vegetation

in a most marvellous way and put heart into the farmers. The acreage sown is computed by the Canadian Pacific authorities to be 60 per cent. larger than last year, and they think that there will be 3,500,000 bushels for export, provided, of course, the grain is housed under favorable conditions.

A LITTLE business negotiation that nearly grew into the dignity of a tragedy, took place the other day at Woodstock. A certain Hamilton creditor of McAllister, a retail boot and shoe dealer at Norwichville, hearing that McA. had sold out to another shoe dealer, took a trip westward to find out about the matter. He chanced to meet his debtor, driving, and proceeded to make enquiries about his business affairs. Not being readily answered, and none of the debtor's notes to him being due, he called a legal gentleman into his counsels, and the trio proceeded to a hotel. After a conference which the retailer did not enjoy, he rose to go, but was prevented by the others. Vowing that he was determined to get out, he pulled a pistol from his pocket and cleared the way to the door, and thence to get his horse. The man of law naturally looked for a constable, the man of business "put" for the stable door. The representative of law and order arrived, it appears, in time to detain the armed man, who, not having secured his trusty steed in time, was duly bound over to the next assizes on a charge of carrying deadly weapons and making decided threats to use them. By assize time, his notes will probably be due, and a possible little scheme be frustrated.

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