

THE report of the North West Land Company which we print this week, will no doubt be read with much interest by many of our subscribers who have a personal interest in the locality in which it operates.

A PETERBORO' subscriber, in remitting his \$2, contrasts the information on trade topics furnished by political journals, with that to be found in the MONETARY TIMES. Facts and figures, in his opinion, are so distorted in the desire to serve political purposes, that they become quite unreliable and useless as guides to the business man. Our Peterboro' friend also writes in vigorous periods on incompetent traders, and the present loose way in which many wholesalers dispense their credits. "It is surprising to any honest trader to read of the many failures that are reported weekly in your valuable paper. I am almost coming to the conclusion that hardly ten per cent. of our business firms of twenty-five years' standing can be found to have never compromised. And such a state of affairs is looked upon almost with unconcern, when flimsy excuses are put forward and listened to with a kind of sympathy. Most of these would-be merchants enter the commercial arena but poorly equipped with brains, capital and knowledge, and when the inevitable failure comes they are permitted by the soft-hearted wholesalers to go on again, to the great injury of the honest trader who pays a hundred cents on the dollar. It is astonishing to me how these brazen-faced fools obtain credit. One would almost imagine that there is really a want of business men."

THE failure of W. R. Reid & Co., general storekeepers, of Waterford, is a very unpleasant one. It is said that they did a nice trade in Port Dover, but it was not large enough for their ideas; so in October last they moved to Waterford. They now find the sheriff in possession of the premises.—The dry goods firm of Duff & Co., Barrie, has assigned in trust. The liabilities are supposed to be pretty large.—The sheriff has taken possession of the dry goods estate of the late Robert Grant, Brantford, and the stock has been sold.—In the same city the sheriff was in possession of the boot and shoe store of J. C. Heaton, and the stock has been sold. His father held a claim of \$2,000.—In Brussels, J. Alexander, general storekeeper, has assigned, after struggling for a long time to make a success.—In Harrow, John McAfee, general storekeeper, who claimed a surplus of \$6,000 in November last, has also assigned.—Another assignment in Ingersoll is that of H. J. Lewis, a small grocer.—Henry Ritz, dealer in shoes, in Mitchell, has overstocked his store and assigned.—A leather manufacturer, Wm. Asmus, of New Hamburg, is in difficulties, brought about, it is said, by the failure of his brother, a storekeeper in Tavistock, who has assigned.—A St. Catharines tailor, Thos. McCrae, is said to have left the country.—Dame Rumor has it

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that David Hawley, hotel-keeper, Teetersville, has patronized his own bar too freely. His effects have been seized.

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STOCKS.	Lowest Point in Week.	Highest Point in Week.	Total Transacted in Week.	Buyers.	Sellers.	Average Price, the Date 1883.
Montreal	181	184	2043	183	184	208
" x. d.						
Ontario	101	101	130	100	101	113
People's				60	65	87
Molson's		114	10	114		
Toronto	170	174	325	173	174	186
Jac. Cartier				75		112
Merchants	109	111	978	111	111	126
Commerce	118	120	909	119	119	
Eastern Tps		113	30		115	
Union						
Hamilton						
Exchange						
Mon. Tel.	118	119	170	118	119	
Dom. Tel.						
Rich. & O.	54	57	1397	56	56	
City Pass	114	117	993	116	116	
Gas	182	187	6925	186	187	
R. O. Ins. Co				55		

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