

HENRY GOULD, a grocer in Welland, began business three years ago without capital and did not make any great progress. He has now left the country. His creditors are principally in Hamilton, and will not suffer much, for his liabilities are believed to be small.

THE surveys for the proposed new bridge below the Lachine Rapids, is being actively prosecuted. Mr. T. A. Peterson, late connected with the Q.M.O. & O. R.R. has charge of the survey, and expects to have all the soundings completed, and the line located very shortly.

A. H. GILMOUR & BROS., lumbermen, of St. George, N.B., whose affairs have been in a complicated state for some time past, have assigned in trust. Nearly all their assets are covered by bill of sale and judgment, so that unsecured creditors cannot expect over a trifling dividend.

In December of last year, a Hamilton builder, Mr. R. Cruickshank, obtained an extension of time spread over a period of two years. Unhappily, a bailiff is now in possession of his premises. It appears that all his property is mortgaged, and the prospects for outside creditors are very slender.

THE Prince Edward Island staple, by which is meant oats, is being moved early this season. Says the *Summerside Progress*, Mr. D. Rogers has already shipped two cargoes of white oats between 11,000 and 12,000 bushels, to the West Indies, and Mr. T. D. Holman about the same quantity.

SWIFT & Co., fresh meat shippers per refrigerator cars, ran short of ice and had to get a lot from the Grand Trunk R.R. a few weeks ago. They have now brought 100 tons from Sarnia. They are also receiving 200 tons from Port Huron and a large quantity from Montreal, to keep them going.

WE have to record the decease of Mr. Thomas Tiffin, late senior of the wholesale grocery firm of T. Tiffin & Co., Montreal. Mr. Tiffin was for many years prominent in Montreal business circles having been a director of the Exchange Bank the St. Lawrence Sugar Refining Co., and other important concerns.

COOKSHIRE, Que., near the New Hampshire line, is reported to be a growing cattle market, 700 head have been sold there in the last month. Polled Angus cattle are being shipped thence to Ontario. 1000 tubs butter have been purchased at that port this season, and potatoes are also being shipped to the States.

SEVEN hundred men are employed on the Kingston & Pembroke Railway. The track is laid nearly to the Levant mine and next month will reach the Clyde river. By the 15th of November the road will be all graded, and the Government bonus of \$8,000 per mile earned. By January, trains will be running to the river.

It is proposed to limit the membership of the New York Produce Exchange to 3,000. In order to obtain an expression of opinion from members as to the feasibility of this step, or to increase the initiation fee from \$2,500 to \$10,000 after the number reaches 3,000, Presi-

dent Parker appointed a general meeting for yesterday.

Six steamships arrived from Europe at New York on one day last week, conveying 3,634 immigrants. These were: The "Ohio," from Bremen, 1,177; the "Lassing," from Hamburg, 984; the "Labrador," from Havre, 860; the "Peter de Connick," from Antwerp, 276; the "Batavia," from Liverpool, 265; and the "Canada," from London, 72.

S. H. RICHARDSON, of South Mountain, Ont., a storekeeper who failed in 1877, and who has ever since been in a weak condition and slow pay, is reported as having left the country. Execution has issued against his goods at the suit of a Brockville creditor, and it is said there is no more than will pay this one judgment, while his real estate is mortgaged for all it is worth.

A WELL-TO-DO Senforth farmer, Wm. Nesbitt, was not satisfied with what he could produce from the soil of his good farm, but began purchasing cattle on speculation. This resulted disastrously, and he has absconded. Mullins and Hofflich, drovers at Stratford, have also got into difficulties, and the latter has absconded with all that he could carry away. Their assets are nil and liabilities about \$800.

JOHN YOUNG, who commenced the grocery business in this city in 1875 did a profitable trade until he purchased the store he now occupies. In August last he presented a statement showing a surplus of \$4,000. But the money he invested in his new premises and seeming neglect of business was more than his trade could stand. He has assigned to E. Gordon & Co, here. It is thought that the creditors will not lose much by his failure.

At an adjourned meeting of the creditors of W. Chas. Anderson, of Halifax, held on the 19th inst., the trustees presented a statement, showing liabilities of about \$65,000, assets about \$50,000, some \$30,000 being in the shape of book debts. Mr. Anderson made offer of fifty per cent, payable in six, twelve and eighteen months, which creditors seemed disposed to accept, provided satisfactory security was furnished, as it was very pretty evident that there was nothing more in the estate.

THE Ontario Stockyards and Abattoir Company applies for incorporation. It is proposed to acquire a large piece of land near this city as a resting place, market and slaughter ground for live stock. The place spoken of is 123 acres west of the city, and very convenient to the Credit Valley, Grand Trunk and Northern Railways. Messrs. Jno. Fiskien, John Turner, Thos. McGaw, J. D. Irwin, C. J. Campbell, J. S. McMurray and C. L. Ferguson are the applicants. Capital to be \$100,000 in hundred dollar shares.

A STORY is told by the *Guelph Herald* of a well-known bank man belonging to Harriston who reached Guelph Station last week on the G. T. R. midnight train from Toronto. He had in his possession four packages of bank notes containing \$10,000 each, \$40,000 in all. While on the train he noticed that he was being watched by two suspicious looking men, so he induced

the conductor to hold the train while two men were sent for to escort him to the Royal Hotel. His two trackers followed him to the Royal, but were refused admittance. By judicious forethought, it is probable that he saved his money.

MR. HENRY CORBY who began business as a grocer in Belleville previous to the rebellion in 1839, died in that city a few days ago at the ripe age of 75 years. During his life time he has occupied various prominent public positions, such as Mayor, member of the Legislature etc. Some of his sons continue the business from which he retired a few years ago. The *Intelligencer* says that perhaps the most conspicuous trait in the character of the deceased gentleman is best summed up in the name by which he has long been known and by which he will be long remembered—"Honest Henry Corby."

JUDGING from Sarnia information, the boats of the North Western Transportation Co. (Beatty's line) are having full freights both ways. Their steamer *Ontario* arrived down on the 15th inst. with 1,000 barrels of flour, 800 sacks of flour, and 3,175 sacks of bran. The *Quebec* arrived down on the 19th inst. with 1,550 barrels of flour, 600 sacks of flour, and 2,883 sacks of bran. The *Ontario* left for Lake Superior ports, a week ago with the largest load of general merchandise of the season, and a large number of passengers. The *Quebec* leaves with 300 tons of general merchandise, and 100 tons of steel rails for the Canadian Pacific Railway. The steamer *Manitoba*, of that line, has arrived down from Duluth on her last trip of the season. The other boats of the line intend making at least two trips each, before laying up.

COMMERCIAL travelling appears to have been so badly overdone in Kansas that the retail merchants of that State are beginning to cry out against the system. A number of these have have signed an agreement to buy no goods through drummers. They say in a circular sent to Chicago and St. Louis firms: "In some respects, the system is a convenience, but your agents occupy too much of our time, and are too little disposed to take no for an answer. We find that they force themselves and their goods upon us, and have decided to make a stand against them." A good traveller is a treasure, and is generally as welcome to the retailer as he is valuable to his employer, but there are far too many of them inefficient, impudent and expensive. The Yankee "drummer" is famous, as all know, for his cunning and his energy as well as for his cheek.

A CANNING factory has been opened in St. John, N.B., by Mr. John H. Bell, who for many years has been identified with the lobster packing business on the North Shore and in Prince Edward Island. The building is a three story one, and 25 hands are now employed. At present the business is confined to the preserving and canning of beef, mutton, fruits and vegetables. In a few weeks, when the required machinery arrives from the United States, soups of all kinds will be added to the product of this factory, and poultry canning will follow. It takes, at present, about