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IMPORTERS OF
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Crockery, China, Glassware,
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SPRING, 1876.

GRAY, RENNIE & CO.,
25 Front Street West, Toronto.

OUR STOCK THIS SEASON WILL BE THE
MOST ATTRACTIVE
We ever Imported.
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We understand that Messrs. Bendelari & Co., in the wholesale fruit trade in this city, met their creditors on Monday last, and showed liabilities of \$45,000 with assets of \$32,000. Their suspension was due to the recent failure of two or three houses which they had credited.

MESSRS. J. B. Perry & Co., in the dry goods and millinery trade at Orillia, are before their creditors asking for an extension. Several creditors have consented, but it is stated that others have made a demand upon them to suspend.

AT a stock auction held in Halifax last week there was a large number of buyers. Bank stocks brought very much better prices than the same class of investments do in Montreal and Toronto. Halifax Banking Company, an "eight" per cent. stock brought 119½, Union Bank 132, Peoples 125½, Merchants 133½. All these are eight per cent. stocks, and were sold less dividend.

A HITCH has occurred in the land awards on Prince Edward Island. The decisions of the Commissions on the estates of Hon. P. Fane, and Miss Sullivan were not satisfactory, and on carrying the cases into court the judges declared the awards invalid. The New Court of Appeal at Ottawa will consider the awards and its action will be carefully watched by those interested.

THE Spring Hill and Lansboro Coal and Railway Company held its annual meeting in St. John last week. The directors' report was considered favourable. The branch railway which intersects the Intercolonial was reported as being graded, and the report of the explorations conducted during the year showed hopeful prospects for future operations. Should the problem of supplying Ontario with coal by the Intercolonial and Grand Trunk Railways be carried out the Spring Hill Miners will have a full share

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WALKER, EVANS & Co.,
Manufacturers, Importers and Wholesale Dealers in
BOOTS AND SHOES,
No. 15 PHENIX BLOCK,
FRONT STREET WEST,
TORONTO.

P. G. CLOSE & CO.,
WHOLESALE
GROCERS,
TORONTO.

59, 61 and 63 Front St. East,

in the result. The old Board of Directors were re-elected.

A RELIABLE ship builder asserts that the ships built in the Maritime Provinces are very much better than those built thirty years ago, and that a ship of the class constructed in 1846 can now be built for about ten per cent less; but that the ships now being of a much better class and containing better materials than formerly, some fifty per cent is added to the cost of construction.

HALIFAX creditors are following the example of some of our Western cities, and are about arresting some of the recent actors in bankruptcies which have a suspicious look. A year or two ago a Halifax bankrupt belonging to a good family was imprisoned for dishonourable practices, but the example seems to have been latterly lost on the traders in that city.

WHOLESALE merchants in the Lower Provinces are complaining that Montreal manufactured goods are being sold to the smaller trades at prices far below the cost of production.

ORDERS for 10,000 yards of cloth were received by the Oxford Woollen Manufacturing Company of Oxford, N.S., within the past few weeks, and they will be filled during the present month.

THE proposal to organize a large Fishing Company in Halifax has taken a permanent shape, and a meeting of leading merchants and traders will shortly be held to form a Company. That city is well situated for the carrying on of the deep sea fishery, and if the Gloucester fishermen can make it pay there will be no reason to doubt the success of the enterprise.

THE terms of the new sugar convention or treaty which will pass into law on the first of next month, between Britain and several Continental powers, have recently been agreed to by

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RAISINS, RAISINS, RAISINS
Seedless, Muscatels, Valencias, Layers, Sultanas.
FINE NEW CURRANTS, TURKISH FIGS, FRENCH PLUMS.

A FINE ASSORTMENT CANNED FRUITS.

JAMES SHIELDS & Co.
1875. FALL. 1875.
STOCK COMPLETE,
LARGE, WELL ASSORTED,
AND UNSURPASSED IN VALUE.

DOBBIE & CARRIE,
9 FRONT STREET WEST,
71 Cannon Street, Manchester, England. **TORONTO.**

the French Assembly. Holland is the only remaining power to give in its adhesion to the convention. When this act is ratified the grievances of the British sugar refiners will be set at rest.

F. AUBREY, a small dealer in Alexandria, Ont., some time since visited Montreal to buy goods. At a fur store he chose certain sets of ladies' apparel and a fur coat, asking to open a credit account; this being declined, he proposed to take the goods, for which he alleged he had cash customers in Alexandria, on thirty days, promising to remit for them in that time. He got them, and as afterwards learned, gave the set of furs to his servant girl. Next he went to a straw goods house, and in payment of a bill of goods, promised them a lien upon a piano which he professed to own, which instrument was never in his possession. Then he coolly purchased a safe to be paid for inside of sixty days, and when it was sent to Alexandria he at once transferred it to a threatening creditor in payment of a pressing claim. He never paid any of these merchants, his representations to them were a tissue of lies, and his promises wilfully broken. Some weeks or months afterward when again visiting Montreal, he was very justly capiased for having obtained goods under false pretences, and he still lies in jail. His professions of being able to pay ninety cents on the dollar are negatived by the condition of his estate, and disproved by the fact that his creditors offered to accept even half that amount as a compromise, but could not get it. It was a swindling plan on his part: he has been caught and is being punished, and there is no just room for any display of pity in his case.

THE Midland General Manufacturing Co., of Port Hope, has fallen into difficulties and a writ of attachment in insolvency was last week issued