

Standard Foundry Co., make an assignment. Their liabilities will probably exceed \$3,000, and there will not be much, if any, surplus assets. About six months ago Adams Bros. began to sell groceries, and not having any experience in that line of trade, it is not surprising to hear of their affairs being in the hands of an assignee at this early date. Another grocery business, carried on by Powell & Co., is involved. The firm had very little capital, and their career continued only a year when an assignment became necessary. A third grocer here that is in trouble is John Campbell, better known as "Jumbo," who is not what he would wish his friends to think him. Last August he claimed to have a surplus, in real estate and business, of \$25,000. Now he assigns, and claims to have assets of \$15,000 and liabilities of \$9,600. The three grocers last named have assigned to W. A. Campbell, and their stocks will be offered for sale by auction on Tuesday next.

His death is reported from heart disease, of Henry Taylor, long well known in commercial circles in London, Ont. Mr. Taylor had been in the British army, and bought his discharge in 1863, whereupon he went into the private banking business. He was prominent in organizing the Dominion Loan and Investment Society, and was connected with it until 1880. Unfortunately for himself and others, he got up the Ontario Investment Association; was elected president in 1887. He was one of the projectors of the ill-starred Bank of London, and was president until 1887, when he resigned. Mr. Taylor was also for some time a director of the British America Assurance Company, the Federal Bank, and assisted in the formation of the Huron and Lambton Mortgage Company, and was connected with several manufacturing concerns in London besides. His career was a remarkable one. Possessed of some shrewdness and ingenuity, and a great deal of boldness, he set the people of Western Ontario agape for a while with his speculative ideas of banking and business, and with his methods of manipulating stocks and shares. He was carried beyond the bounds of prudence and the law, however, and suffered imprisonment at the pursuit of angry creditors some five years ago, while his most ambitious schemes came to grief. His death was the result of heart disease.

It has been suggested that alcoholic gas in distilleries may be found a reason for the recent severe fire losses. Insurance managers have been giving some study to the substance in this connection.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, May 3rd, 1893.

STOCKS.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Average.
Montreal.....	23 1/2	230	19	231	277 1/2	296 1/2
Ontario	123	121	34	124	118	116
People's	117	114 1/2	4	120	114 1/2	102
Molson's	17 1/2	17 1/2	2	175		163
Toronto					252 1/2	240
J. Cartier				110	132 1/2	113
Merchants				164	159	152
Commerce	146 1/2	146	91	147	145 1/2	140
Union	1				103 1/2	93 1/2
M. Teleg.	145	145	62	145	144	141 1/2
Rich. & Ont.	70	69	100	70	69	70 1/2
Street Ry. & d ..	190	187 1/2	225	189	185	215 1/2
"New Stock ..					199	211 1/2
Gas	201	200	913	200	81 1/2	88
C. Pacific R.R. ..	83	82 1/2	75	82 1/2	109	108 1/2
C. P. land b'ds ..				80		72 1/2
N. W. Land	145	140	123	142 1/2	141	165 1/2
Bell Tele.						
Montreal 4% ..						

A CHANGE OF STYLE.

It is announced by circular that the business carried on for the past 38 years under the style of Brown Brothers, stationers, bookbinders and manufacturers, in Toronto, has been formed into a joint stock company, under the name of "The Brown Brothers, Limited." The new company, it appears, has acquired the entire interest, good will, stock-in-trade, and all other assets of the old firm. There will be no change in the management; the business will continue as before. It is interesting to learn that certain of the old employees who have been so long associated with the house will now have an interest. The president of the company is Mr. Richard Brown; the vice-president, Mr. Robt. S. Brown; the secretary-treasurer, Mr. J. T. Hornibrook; the remaining directors being Messrs. T. Albert Brown and Henry J. Brown. Forty-eight years is a lengthy record for a Canadian concern, and it is that long since Thomas Brown, the father of the Richard Brown mentioned above, bought out Payne, the bookseller, on King street in Toronto. Brown the elder was a member of the Ancient Company of Stationers at New-castle-on-Tyne (indeed the Browns have been booksellers and stationers for generations), and made a reputation as a conscientious and a competent workman. His three sons, Thomas, John and Richard, who succeeded to the business in 1856, under the style of Brown Brothers, have well maintained the name of the house for integrity and enterprise, and have broadened its business to include the importa-

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