

MR. PETER KEARNS, of the dry goods firm of Kearns & Ryan at Ottawa, died last week.

F. E. COTE, dealer in dry goods at St. Joseph de Levis, has assigned in trust. The liabilities and assets are both small.

A SMALL general storekeeper at the village of Spring Hill, N.S., named James Simpson, has assigned in trust, making preferences, to certain creditors, amounting in all to \$935, and it is doubted if there will be much left for other creditors, when wound up.

At a meeting of stockholders in Wm. Parks & Son, limited, held at St. John N. B. last week, a resolution was passed authorizing the directors to accept the transfer of the New Brunswick Cotton Mills from Mr. Parks in pursuance of arrangement with the Company.

A DESPATCH from Saratoga, of 3rd September, states that the manufacturers of woollen knit goods had a final session on the 3rd instant. A resolution was passed that all unite and pool their production, and that the percentage of each manufacturer shall be in proportion to the total production.

A CORRESPONDENT writes us from Welland, ordering some back numbers of the MONETARY TIMES, and adds: "I am an ex-Royal Templar, my leaving the order having been chiefly caused by reading items or editorials from your journal showing the fallacy of the co-operative plan of life insurance."

An original idea has been struck by a drummer. He has sent ahead to his customers postal cards reading as follows: "Dear Sir: I shall be in your town Aug.—with a line of—. Please stop your ears against all comers with this cork until I have a chance to see you, etc." Attached to each card by a string is a small cork!

THE Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics states that, in 1868, the chance of a person being killed on or by steam cars was 1 in 5,026,281, while in 1882 it had diminished to 1 in 20,927,084. This is less than the chance of being struck by lightning, and much less than that of being injured by a kerosene lamp explosion.

LETTERS have been received in Halifax announcing the failure of the old established firm of A. W. Perot & Co., of Demerara. This firm did one of the largest businesses in the West India Islands, had a branch house in Baltimore, and were supposed to be wealthy. Their downfall is said to be caused by the enormous shrinkage in the value of sugar.

A dry goods man of St. Hyacinthe, F. Monast, by name, has assigned for the benefit of his creditors. It seems that he has been overdrawing his account at the Bank of St. Hyacinthe for sometime back, but this was only lately discovered through the sudden leaving of one of the bank clerks, who, it appears, is a stepson of Monast. Liabilities \$18,000. Assets \$10,000.

UNDER the agreeable heading, "An Auspicious Visit," the Winnipeg *Free Press* announces the arrival in that city of Mr. A. B. Lee, of Rice Lewis & Son, Mr. W. B. Hamilton, of the shoe-manufacturing house of that name, and Mr. A. M. Cosby, manager of the London & Ontario Investment Co. all of this city. All three gentlemen are visiting Manitoba in the interest of that Company.

A MINNESOTA subscriber sends us the following under date of 23rd August. "The grain in this section is now being cut and most of it, if not all, will be safe from frost by the end of the following week. The crops are the finest we have ever had. Two elevators are being built, one of 20,000 bush. by Johnstone, Roache & Co., the other 40,000 bush. by the Ogilvie Milling Co'y. Every thing looks bright for a good fall and winter's business.

DURING last week the Toronto letter carriers delivered throughout the city 118,267 letters, of which 3,888 were registered. They also delivered 32,644 newspapers.

We learn that a syndicate has been formed to re-open the Dominion Bolt Works at the Humber. They have made an offer to the creditors which will in all probability be accepted.

MESSERS. JAMES O'BRIEN & Co., wholesale clothiers, Montreal, have received a contract from the Government of the Dominion at Ottawa, for 300 blouses and pairs of trousers made of *Etoffe du Pays*, together with 300 blue twilled flannel shirts, for the Canadian contingent, which is to be sent to Egypt.

A WRIT has been served upon the city corporation in connection with the action which the Canada Electric Light Company is taking to secure the contract for lighting the streets. The City Solicitor has been notified of the granting of an interim injunction restraining the city from entering into the contract.

THE last section of the Asturian Railway, in Spain, was completed a short time ago. It consists of 44 kilometres' length only, and thirty of them are tunnels. These tunnels are 56 in number, and one is the longest in Spain. The concession for this line was granted 24 years ago. The line is of great importance to the enormous and undeveloped coal fields of the Asturias.

THE exports from Belleville during August last, according to the *Intelligencer*, were of the value of \$48,506, against \$82,584 in the like month of last year. Imported goods during August amounted in value to \$34,450, on which the duty was only \$2,625 while in August 1883 there must have been fewer free goods imported, for the duty collected then was \$4,881 on merchandise valued at \$26,747.

AMONG the gentlemen of the British Association who, having taken part in the meetings in Montreal, afterwards visited Toronto, were the following, well-known to not a few on this side of the water. Mr. Joseph Crowther, manufacturer, Marsden near Huddersfield; Mr. Alfred Sykes, of Joseph Sykes & Co., Huddersfield; Mr. John Cobb, one of the heads of departments in the establishment of Arthur & Co., Glasgow.

AN extensive purchase of lumber is stated by the Brockville *Recorder* to have been made at Ottawa recently by the Oswego Manuf'g Co., for the manufacture of boxes in which to ship Pennsylvania kerosene oil to foreign markets. The whole shipment, several million feet, is to be made by barges from Ottawa. The Oswego Company named is said to be "backed or owned" by the well-known Standard Oil Company.

It has been estimated that 20,000 persons, men, women, and children, are at present at work in the peach orchards of Delaware, engaged in picking, culling, and handling the crop. Their wages are on an average \$1 per day. As to the extent of the crop, it is calculated that the weight of an average basket is 30 pounds, which would give us 9,900,000 pounds, or 4,950 tons of fruit now daily pulled from the peach orchards of little Delaware.

AMONGST other things which scientific men have practically learned about Canada of late is the fact that she boasts two such lines of ocean steamers as the Allan Line and the Dominion Line. The passengers by the Dominion Line steamer *Oregon* on her recent trip from Liverpool and Belfast to Quebec, presented an address to her captain, and among other complementary things expressed their satisfaction with his proposal of a series of scientific lectures on board, by members of the British Association. These were delivered and formed "a unique feature in trans-Atlantic navigation."

THE creditors of Charles Hackett, the gents furnisher, in St. Thomas, who recently made an assignment, was held last week. The liabilities foot up to \$2,886, and the assets are about \$1,200. The goods will be sold by auction to the highest bidder on the 9th September. It is thought the creditors may realize fifteen cents on the dollar. "As Hackett had been in business less than four months," says the *St. Thomas Times*, "the reckless manner in which his business was managed is painfully apparent."

SINCE the resumption of specie payments in 1879, the National Banks of the United States have issued no notes under the denomination of five dollars. The avowed object of this restriction was to make room for the circulation of silver coin. The Government had in circulation about \$40,000,000 in fractional currency, for which it substituted subsidiary silver. It seems that more of these coins were made than have been needed and the treasury vaults have been obliged to carry from \$25,000,000 to \$28,000,000 of idle money of that kind ever since.

T. W. HOLLWEY is the sole partner in the Ontario Cabinet Co. A little over a year ago he purchased a building and began the manufacture of furniture. He now finds himself involved to the extent of \$21,000 and claims as a set-off to this \$26,000 worth of plant and real estate, all of which effect are heavily mortgaged. At Moorefield, T. McGregor, a small storekeeper, after being in business eighteen months has assigned.—C. S. Mead, a grocer on the market square in this city, has allowed a bailiff to take summary possession of his premises.

A NUMBER of members of the British Association for the advancement of Science visit Toronto to-day. They will be met by the Reception Committee of the Canadian Institute and the City Council, at the first station east of Toronto, and accompanied into the city. An address is to be presented to the Association in the Council chamber at one o'clock in the afternoon. Among the distinguished visitors will be Lord Rayleigh, president of the Association. On Saturday 157 members will go on an excursion to Niagara Falls, fifty-two will go to Muskoka, and seven to Guelph.

THE Lockeport fleet of fishing vessels, says the correspondent in that place of the *Yarmouth Herald*, "has done splendidly," although prices have been, and are so low. Although this year and next are not likely to witness a repetition of the large results of 1881 and 1882, a fair margin of profit is expected by Lockeport dealers, chiefly from the enormous catch of codfish on the Newfoundland Banks. Over 100,000 quintals was the cut-put from that town during 1882, and it is deemed not unlikely that this quantity will be equalled during 1884.

THE prospects that the Toronto Exhibition which opens on the 10th inst. will be a most successful one, are very gratifying. It is almost certain that the whole of the space in the different buildings will be taken up, as more than sufficient entries have been received. The main building has received a thorough cleaning, and is now ready for the reception of every kind of exhibit. A large consignment of foreign goods, consisting of Irish linens and threads, Swiss lace curtains, and fancy goods, arrived, we are informed, at the grounds yesterday, and will be immediately unpacked and placed in position for exhibition. Applications for prize lists are still being received but the stock of such lists has been exhausted, consequently no more will be sent out.

SOME ten thousand dollars has been subscribed by the citizens of Windsor, Ont., to maintain the E. T. Barnum Wire and Iron Works branch in that town. For several weeks the managers of