

some heavy shipments of lobsters this season, which did not realize as expected, was the immediate cause of suspension.

The licenses of the captain, mates and engineers of the *Marine City*, the steamer which burned on Lake Huron, August, 29, causing the loss of nine lives, have been suspended by the U. S. inspectors, because no fire drill was practiced by the crew, and at the time of the fire the hose was disconnected and the nozzles unattached. This action was taken notwithstanding the fact that the officers demeaned themselves with great gallantry. More such examples are needed before the law—inadequate as it is—will be respected and observed.

A change has taken place in the proprietorship of the book and stationery business in Woodstock, which was begun many years ago by Wm. Warwick, Esq., the late wholesale stationer of Toronto, whose recent death was much regretted. Messrs F. Nisbet & Co., succeeded Mr. Warwick in the bookstore when he removed to Toronto, and that firm has now sold out to Messrs. J. K. Cranston long in charge of the Galt book store, and H. Dickenson, formerly principal of the Stratford public school.

A PARISH priest in the province of Quebec, has hit upon a new way to collect old debts, and has read from the pulpit a list of those in arrears for tithes, etc. His action in the matter was received in a variety of ways, the poor women giving vent to their feelings in tears, but among the men, while some were indignant, others shrugged their shoulders as though it were a matter of little import. Actions for damages are threatened by some whose names figured on the "black list."

An instance of hard lines for a confiding employee is brought to light by the recent disappearance from the city, of W. S. Jackson, a maker of skirts, and who was, previous to beginning for himself, of the firm C. Barrattes & Co., here. It appears that a detective was shadowing Jackson, on account of some criminal offense committed in Scotland, which when the latter found he at once absconded. His liabilities are about \$1,500, of which \$400 is to his traveller, who not only had allowed his salary to be in arrears, but lent money to Jackson who, he says, was doing a paying business. Some of the girls employed in the factory are unfortunately claimants for wages, several of them for a whole month's pay.

Promising investment as Manitoba lands are young merchants ought not to speculate in them at the expense of depleting their business. If they do, they may take one chance too many. Witness, Mr. Robt. George, a Toronto grocer, who, with a surplus capital of \$5,000, thought himself entitled to buy—not a modest quarter section or two of 160 acres each—but 12,000 acres of land in the prairie province! at a cost of \$11,000. The payments on this hampered him, and he called his creditors together a week ago. Fortunately he found some one to buy the lands at a profit, and pay part cash. His merchandise creditors gave him eighteen months

extension with monthly payments. He owes some \$20,000 in all.

"Be virtuous and you will be happy," says the time-honored head-line of our copy-books; "But you won't have so much fun," added some scapegrace. Acting evidently upon the latter suggestion, a country storekeeper hailing from the Ottawa valley, went to Montreal last week with some \$600 in his pocket, presumably to buy goods. Unfortunately for himself, he undertook to see the elephant, before placing his money where it would likely do him most good, and an obliging nymph relieved him of his wallet. He now figures as prosecutor in the police court, and has the pleasure of seeing his name hawked around as an actor in a most unenviable role, in comparison with which the loss of the money would be as nothing. He will return home certainly a sadder, perhaps a wiser man.

An Ottawa Dry Goods Merchant, E. Chevrier, by name, who visited Montreal last week leaving large orders with a number of wholesale houses, has proved to be insane. His peculiar conduct, together with the unusual amount and character of his purchases, attracted some attention at the time, but it was only upon his return home, and when the goods began to arrive that the suspicions of his friends were fully aroused. His father hastened to Montreal, and upon enquiry, found he had ordered over \$20,000 worth of goods, an amount altogether out of proportion to his wants. Of course further shipments were countermanded. The son, upon being restrained from again visiting the firms from whom he had ordered, developed such unmistakable evidences of insanity, that he had to be consigned to jail for security.

The paper collar is an institution firmly established, at all events on this continent. In 1878, there were eight million yards of cloth used to 200,000,000 of the patent reversible collars, which was at the rate of 25 collars to the yard. At the same ratio, Canada ought to use from fifteen to twenty millions, but we do not use the paper collar so much as the Yankees, or "reverse" so much.

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