

condition, and creditors have procured the signature of the last named partner to a deed of assignment, but Jopp has not yet assigned.—The creditors of Carman Brothers, in the same line, at Stonewall, have been asked to grant an extension; they will probably comply.—The stock and fixtures of Miss S. G. Clark, a Winnipeg milliner, valued at \$3,000 are seized at the instance of a Toronto house. She, in turn, makes an assignment for the benefit of all concerned.—In the same city the failure of N. Germain & Co., hardware dealers, is announced. Their assets consist of stock \$41,000 and book debts \$11,000, the liabilities foot up to a like figure, viz. \$52,000.—A judgment to the amount of \$2,400 having been obtained by a Toronto creditor against the jewellery stock of J. O. Radford, the effects were sold at auction to satisfy the same.—The firm of E. F. Radiger & Co., liquor dealers, in Winnipeg, is in difficulties. The Union Bank of Lower Canada has a chattel mortgage, and outside creditors having garnished the payment of accounts due the firm, the bank was compelled to foreclose. Mr. C. W. Radiger, a brother, has been placed in possession, and so soon as the bank's claim is liquidated, the business will be handed back.

OUT-DOOR exercise or recreation is a thing to be attended to by any one who values his health, especially if his labors induce mental strain. For this reason the Bankers' Athletic Association of Ontario deserves to be furthered by the class for whose benefit it is especially designed. We have no doubt that the Toronto public, too, will show its interest in so good a cause by a goodly attendance at the annual tournament to-morrow.

## BOOK REVIEW.

It is impossible to examine the special Canadian series of Royal Readers, prepared for our children and youth, by Messrs. Campbell & Son,\* without feeling that they are the compilation of one who is a teacher of experience and observation as well as a man of uncommon scholarship and literary taste. The purpose of the books appears to be to create and develop a love for literature. Beginning with the Primer, in which admirable pictures join with simple but well-designed lessons to deepen the child's curiosity into interest, successive books of the series are graded with skill until he finds himself absorbing facts in natural history along with folk-lore; and the youth acquires a knowledge of this country at the same time that his mind is being trained to literary insight and scientific research. The illustrations are exquisite, and the mechanical execution of the whole work such that we venture to think the series may safely be put on exhibition beside anything of the kind produced the world over. Not least among the merits of these books is the space which Mr. Hunter has devoted to Canadian subjects and the selections he has made from Canadian authors. Out of 268 names of writers in the synoptical index of authors represented in the 3rd, 4th and 5th readers, 33 are Canadian. "The fearless explorations of Lasalle, Joliet, and their gay voyageurs; the devotion and the sufferings of Marquette and Breboeuf; the Indian ambuscades; the lawless, rollicking bush-rangers (*Coueurs des Bois*) the great fur-trading nabobs; those magnificent spendthrifts the French Intendants; the lordly pro-consuls of France and of England;" these and the later incidents of political and commercial progress in the New Dominion are well chosen to reflect the stages of our national life. The questions and suggestions upon the lessons, and the method of literary analysis adopted in the later readers are excellently adapted to discover the beauties of narrative or poem. The moral

tone of the books, deserves to be noted, too. We are mistaken if they do not prove to be as valuable to parents as to youth. If the enterprising publishers who propose to sell these readers at somewhere from 50 cents to a dollar, should finish some of them in morocco with gilt edges, and offer them as expensive gift books for the holidays, upon their merits, that part of the reading public which goes in for elegant extracts or literary cyclopedias would find their contents more novel and delightful than many a volume with a pretentious title and an extravagant price.

\*THE ROYAL READERS; special Canadian series, Primer and five reading books, James Campbell & Son, Toronto, 1883.

—The vessels in port at St. John N. B. on the 16th instant numbered 48, of 14,000 tons in all, namely: 8 ships, 7 barques, 2 brigs, 10 brigantines and 26 schooners.

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