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ONE of the sufferers by the late Sydney fire, Charles Sullivan, tins, etc., has come before his creditors with an offer of 33 1-3 cents on liabilities of \$3,200.

THE assignment is reported of F. Cardinal & Co., general dealers, at St. Stanislas de Kostka, Que. They owe \$3,750, and have assets of about \$1,200. Originally, Mr. Cardinal was a hotel-keeper, and then took to storekeeping. In 1892 he failed, owing some \$16,000; and resumed under cover of his wife's name, only to fail again in 1897. Since then he has made use of his step-daughter's name. Evidently storekeeping is not Mr. Cardinal's forte, but he has probably found it an easy life, as so many do who get credit freely and fail repeatedly.

THE annual report and balance sheet of the Acadia Sugar Refinery, Limited, is made public. It is for the year ended with September. The directors say that including \$9,228.02 brought forward from last year, the net profit for the year after providing for depreciation and writing off the balance for new plant at Richmond and Woodside refineries was \$127,749.66. As an interim dividend of 3 per cent. on the preference shares, \$40,880, was paid in June, a further dividend of 6 per cent. on the preference shares is recommended to be paid on December 20th, amounting to \$81,760, the balance, \$5,109.66, to be carried forward. After the payment of this dividend, says the report, the arrears of interest due on the preference shares to September 30th, will be reduced to 8 per cent.

DURHAM will soon have an important manufacturing establishment. So writes our Mr. Thomas Gordon Oliver. I refer to the National Portland Cement Co., which when completed will be one of the largest in the Dominion. Nine large buildings are now under construction for this concern. One of them, the kiln building, is 143 by 135 feet; another is 55 ft. in height. The marl in Wilder's lake, four miles away, is in unlimited quantities, and is said to contain over 90 per cent. of carbonate of lime. There is also sufficient clay in the immediate vicinity. Other lakes at short distances show immense deposits of marl, and several of the deposits are at or near the surface. The capacity of the mill is to be 1,200 barrels daily, and the company is giving employment to 175 men on construction alone. A branch line four miles in length is nearly completed for running material, and all the newest and best machinery is being introduced in the construction. W. H. Cowham, of Jackson, Mich., is president of the company; P. W. Stanhope, Toronto, is secretary and general manager; Gilbert McKechnie, Durham, treasurer; A. F. McLaren, M.P., Stratford; Dr. Jamieson, M.P.P., Durham, and Barlow Cumberland, Toronto, are the directors of the company. This large establishment will soon be in full working order. Its capital is a million dollars.

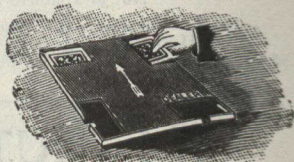
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