

MR. ROBERT DODD, formerly of Dodd & Sons, of Watford, has established a stove and hardware business at Vancouver, B.C.

THE assets of the insolvent estate of L. Dupuy, watchmaker, &c., at Sherbrooke, have been purchased by Miller and Griffith.

CONTRACTS have been let for the building of the Beauharnois Junction railway, extending from the town of Beauharnois to Valleyfield.

THE customs' collections at Victoria for September amounted to \$52,274, a decrease of \$30,847 compared with the same month in 1886.

A GENTLEMAN well-known in commercial circles, Mr. J. G. Bellhouse, of Bellhouse, Dillon & Co., Montreal, died suddenly on Sunday last.

THE Bell Telephone Company has spent some \$17,500 in building a telephone line to Ottawa from Montreal, which is now in successful operation.

—At St. John, on Saturday last, \$10,000 worth of New Brunswick four per cent. bonds were put up at auction and part were sold at 98.

THE sudden death, at Quebec, of Mr. Charles E. Clarke, assistant inspector of the Molsons Bank, is chronicled in the *London Free Press* of Wednesday last.

MR. A. E. AMES, accountant in the Peterborough branch of the Ontario Bank, has been promoted to the position of manager of the branch at Mount Forest.

THE city of Hull, Que., is issuing debentures to the amount of \$70,000 for the extension of the aqueduct and waterworks already begun. They bear five cent. interest and are payable in 1912.

THE affairs of the bankrupt estate of Joseph Sterling, at St. Thomas, have been wound up and a dividend of 14 cents on the dollar declared. The liabilities, unsecured, amounted to \$2,000.

CHESTNUTS are plentiful around St. Thomas. One dealer proposes shipping a carload to Montreal. This year the nuts can be purchased at \$2.50 per bushel compared with \$3.50 and \$4 in former years.

SHIPPING lamb to Boston is a new departure for St. John. It has been begun by Messrs. Hayes and Layden, and is said to have proved highly successful. It is shipping the sheep alive. It was found to be less risky and gives better chance for sales.

THE general store firm of McPhee & Somers at Alexandria, has dissolved, and according to the *Freeholder*, Mr. Somers will begin business in Alexandria on his own account. Mackay & Shaver, bakers, at the same place, have sold out to M. McArthur, of Martintown.

THE creditors of Mr. A. P. Bond, biscuit manufacturer, met last week in St. Thomas. The liabilities are \$2,500, and the nominal assets \$3,225, consisting of \$900 book debts, \$250 stock, and \$2,075 plant and machinery. It is believed the creditors will realise 70 or 80 cents on the dollar. Mr. Bond is in Detroit in search of a situation.

THERE is a boom in the shipbuilding yards of Lunenburg, N. S., no less that six fishing schooners being in course of construction. Six others will be built during the winter, which dozen vessels will be a desirable addition to the fishing fleet of that port. The people of Lunenburg county are almost wholly of German descent and nearly the whole population is engaged in the deep sea fishery. The vessels are models of adaptability for the business and are said to be stronger than American craft of like class.

HARRIS AND SON, of St. John, N. B. have secured contracts to build some 400 freight cars for the Intercolonial Railway. These cars have been very much wanted for some time back and will have to be hurried up in order to afford much-needed facilities for sending the products of the west to the sea provinces and of the latter to the west.

THE North-West Cattle Company is bringing forward the first shipment of beef steers ever shipped from the ranches of the Canadian North-West. These animals are said to be of unusual size, some of them weighing 1600 lbs. to 1,700 lbs. live weight, the whole shipment probably averaging 1500 lbs. each. They are to be, according to the *Star*, offered for sale in Montreal.

THE name of John Crotty has long been familiar in business circles at Bothwell. In 1884 he failed and compromised. Shortly afterward the business was carried on by his son until about the beginning of this year, when one Schiller was admitted a partner under the firm name of John Crotty and Co. But it appears that this arrangement was not successful for they have assigned.

A BAILIFF is in possession of the photograph gallery of J.B. Kitchen, Hamilton, at the instance of the landlord. The sheriff is in possession of the plumbing shop of W. F. Plaistow, London, and a meeting of creditors has been held but we have not learned the result. About a year ago, W. C. West began storekeeping at Merlin, without success. He has already assigned.

PROVINCIAL incorporation is given to D. C. Fraser, Graham Fraser, J. L. Lennison, H. Graham, and G. F. McKay, of New Glasgow, under the style of the Black Diamond Coal Company, with the power to open and work coal mines in the county of Pictou, N. S., also to build and operate railways and carry on mining and shipping coal. Chief place of business is Westville, capital \$100,000.

THE *London Free Press* says that Mr. W. H. Davis, jeweller, recently received per post a silver brooch, earrings, bracelets and pin which were stolen from the store several years ago. The thief had evidently become conscience stricken. We should be glad if burglars who take people's watch chains and curling medals, and presentation plate from certain Toronto dwellings, were similarly conscience stricken.

ONE of the oldest business houses in St. Catharine's, is that of R. Fitzgerald, dealer in groceries, at wholesale and retail. Mr. Fitzgerald's father came to St. Catharine's in 1819, along with old Mr. John Young, of Youngstown, with whom he worked and afterwards began business for himself. This he did in the year 1829. At his death the son succeeded him and now occupies one of the largest and most substantial buildings in the city. They are very complete premises and the business done is a large and active one.

THE late George Foley, of Collingwood, whose life was recently sacrificed in the loss of the "California," of which he was purser, is believed to have had a deposit in some bank or loan society in Montreal. His father, Mr. Thos. Foley, of Collingwood, tanner, will, we understand, administer the estate. When George was working as a printer in Montreal, he made, so he stated, a deposit in some bank there, but there is nothing among his papers to show in what institution. The bank, or society, which may hold such deposit, will be doing a kindness to the family by communicating with his father.

MESSRS. EWING & Co., who have long been in business here, have become involved. Their moulding and mantel manufactory has evidently been entirely too large for their limited capital. A meeting of creditors will consider the situation on Wednesday next.

THE shop of Jas. R. Watson, dealer in harness etc., at Bothwell, has been closed for some time and he is reported away. Creditors will get but a small dividend, if any.—Samuel Kirkland, jr., harness maker, Teeswater, is also reported away.—Another harness maker, John Gordon, of Flesherton, who had been in business five years has assigned to Charles Parsons, of Toronto.—In Cobourg, Spence & Kuhlman, planing mill men, have made an assignment.

THE result of the conference on Wednesday last, between the directors and a committee of shareholders of the Ontario Investment Association was a decision that it would be better to liquidate the Company. At the second meeting of the shareholders on Thursday, however, Mr. W. P. R. Streets' motion to transfer the assets to the Ontario Loan and Debenture Co., was carried by a vote of 15,398 shares as against 4,076. Messrs. Thos. Long, W. J. McIntosh, J. H. Flock, and Allen Pasfitt were elected directors.

THOS. GILLIES, for some years made money keeping a country store in Ontario, but this life was too slow for his ambitious ideas. Money was to be made in Toronto, he believed, and he was bound to get his share. In May, 1886, he formed a partnership with G. Burns, formerly of Adams & Burns, wholesale liquor dealers here. About a year ago, owing to the irregular habits of Burns, the partnership was dissolved. Since then Gillies has continued the business, evidently without success, as he is now offering creditors 25 per cent. on their claims.—J. W. Ruttan & Co., general storekeepers at Vienna, have made an assignment. About the first of the year they disposed of their lumber business here and began storekeeping.—For some eighteen months H. O. Sonntag was making cigars in Hamilton. We now hear of his assignment.

THE MANITOBA CENSUS.

Some interesting facts may be gathered from the census returns of the province of Manitoba for 1886, as, for example, that of the population only 3,319 belong to the commercial class, while 22,882 appertain to the agricultural. There are 2,224 in the domestic class, and 3,715 in the industrial and only 1,858 in the professional. The total number of industrial establishments in the province is five hundred and forty-five, which employ 22,208 hands; capital invested, \$3,411,133; value of products, \$5,399,466. Of these the chief are flour and grist mills, 37 in number, value of products, over two millions; foundries and boiler shops, carriage making establishments, planing mills, saddle and harness shops; saw-mills (40) turning out \$350,000 worth of lumber per annum; planing mills (4) with \$102,000 product; sash and blind factories, product \$158,000; tin and sheet iron shops, tanneries, only three; one woollen mill, a linseed oil mill, 42 lime kilns, seven breweries, turning out \$231,000 worth of beer per annum; three creameries, and ten cheese factories, furriers' shops, which turn out \$87,000 worth of goods, &c., &c.

There are more than seventeen thousand (17,571) occupiers of land and of these more than sixteen thousand are owners; occupiers of 80 acres and under, 1,429; of 81 acres to