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Of very superior quality and variety of Colors, especially adapted for

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### NOTICE.

WE hereby notify having relinquished our business in this city in favour of Mr. W. M. JOHNSON, our late Manager, who has assumed all assets and liabilities pertaining thereto since 30th April last.

**LEWIS BERGER & SONS, Limited.**

Montreal, 30th June, 1881.

Referring to the above notice, in which you are acquainted that I have taken over the

### PAINT AND COLOUR BUSINESS

OR

**Messrs. LEWIS BERGER & SONS, Limited,**

I would take this opportunity to inform my friends and the paint trade generally that I intend to carry on the business in all its branches, assisted by the entire staff lately employed by the Messrs. Berger, and would respectfully solicit a continuance of the kind patronage so liberally extended to them.

Yours truly,

**WILLIAM JOHNSON.**

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MONTREAL.**

THE RECENT failure of Duarte, Potter & Co. of Liverpool is attributed to the absence of remittances in connection with transactions in India rubber. The liabilities of Julius Mosenthal & Co. of London and Paris are small.

A SAMPLE of white Winter wheat in ear from Brantford, Ont., has been received by a Montreal firm; it is pronounced a fair sample. The field from which it was taken has been purchased by a Brantford miller at \$1.16 per bushel.—Crops in East Middlesex are reported excellent. The Fall wheat, which was expected to be thin and weak, has surprised the "oldest inhabitant," turning out thick, well-filled, and an excellent sample. Better crops of every kind, except corn, have seldom been seen in that section.

It is announced that a new Canadian Transportation Company, to be called the North-Western Express Company, has been organized, and will establish a regular steamboat line between Duluth and Montreal. The boats Acadia, Shickluna and Niagara are to constitute the line for this season, running direct between the two ports without change. There will, it is said, thus be but one transshipment from Europe to Duluth, and the saving on freight is estimated at \$11 per ton. It is proposed to lengthen the three boats above mentioned by forty feet during the coming winter, and to add other boats next Spring.

A DELEGATION of gentlemen interested in the promotion of the Pontiac and Pacific Junction Railway addressed a meeting of the Pontiac County Council at Bryson on Tuesday, when a by-law granting a \$100,000 bonus to the Company was passed unanimously. There is a general impression that the Council's action

will be ratified by a large majority of the rate-payers on the 23rd of August, as there is considerable enthusiasm over the project, and the utmost confidence is expressed in the *personnel* of the company.

RARELY, indeed, have we been called upon to chronicle the fact of an editor absconding; the principle reason being, probably, that editors, as a class, evince their disapproval of the *credit* system by never getting deep enough in the good graces of their friends to make it worth while trying to escape paying their little debts. Another strong reason is that editors seldom or never get possession of much wealth. These facts are generally known, and our surprise on learning that a real live editor in an Eastern town has actually absconded *with money*, will therefore be easily understood. A press despatch announces that A. J. Steele, bookseller and publisher of the *Star* newspaper, at Wolfville, N. S., has disappeared, and there are strong grounds for supposing that he has absconded and taken with him a considerable amount of money. His printing office, which was in a building separate from the book store, was burned a while ago, and as Steele had \$600 insurance on the place it is believed that he set fire to the office himself, in order to get the insurance. It is said that his friends generously came forward, and advanced him \$800 after the fire; with this amount and the \$600 insurance money he intimated his intention of purchasing new printing material, and he did order a large press and some type from Ontario, but omitted to pay for them; they still remain in charge of the railway authorities, while Steele, who is described as the black sheep of a respectable Ontario family, is not to be found.

Messrs. B. A. Rumsey and J. R. Johnson, of the firm Rumsey, Johnson & Co., of Halifax, whose failure in April last was noticed in the *JOURNAL*, were arrested, the former on 12th July and the latter on 13 inst, on a charge of defrauding their creditors. The case was heard on the 18th. In the interim Rumsey was released to be used, it is presumed, as a witness. It will be remembered that this firm's liabilities amounted to over \$80,000. Their deed of assignment had been signed by creditors representing about \$20,000,—not \$40,000 as stated by a Western contemporary. The prosecution were required by the Court to prove that defendants had purchased goods with a fraudulent intent, knowing while negotiating therefor that they were insolvent, but the chief prosecutor being absent and the books being unavailable, it was impossible to prove this. The prosecution was on the whole a tame affair, and the Judge discharged the defendant, remarking that there was not sufficient evidence to warrant a *remand*. The prosecution will be continued by the creditors, who have formed a syndicate for the purpose of carrying out this determination. The creditors appear to believe that Rumsey's purchases were made in good faith, but there is an impression that his partner was scarcely so honest, as he had made statements regarding indebtedness to his mother, who is a preferred creditor to the extent of \$14,000, which are contrary to allegations made in the deed of assignment.

THE RESULT of the strike of ship laborers at this port was about a month's wages out of pocket, bankruptcy of the "Union," and general demoralization. At a meeting of ship owners held on 18th inst. it was resolved not to employ laborers who would not sign a contract to renounce the Union. Between 50 and 60 men applied to Capt Barclay of the Allan line for work, which he was willing to give them on their severing connection with the *Union*, which the majority agreed to do.