

R. A. ROGERS retires from the Parkhill Banking Co. and T. L. Rogers continues under the old style.—J. O. Guy & Son, of Oshawa, have changed the style of their business to the Oshawa Coal Co.—John Duggan has sold his liquor business in Toronto city to J. W. C. Bedson.

THE creditors of the estate of Clark & Thompson, dry goods and carpet dealers, Guelph, met at the office of Messrs. E. R. C. Clarkson on Tuesday, and decided to accept an offer of 50 cents on the dollar, payable in three, six and nine months. The statement shows liabilities of about \$8,400 and assets \$6,500.

MESSRS. J. HARRIS & Co., of St. John, have received an order for some hundreds of wheels, weighing some hundreds of pounds each, to be used in the transportation of vessels across the isthmus between the Atlantic and the Bay of Fundy, by means of the Chignecto Marine Railway. The contract for these wheels alone is said to amount to \$15,000.

It is about four years since R. J. Lochrey began the saddlery hardware business in Brantford. After the concern had been going for a couple of years, one Jackson invested \$2,000 in it, and the business was extended considerably. It did not satisfy Mr. Jackson, however, who in April last retired from the concern. Since then the senior partner has not made any progress, and a few days ago the sheriff took possession of the premises.

It is reported that B. H. Tesch, who keeps a variety store at New Westminster, B.C., has compromised with creditors at 25 per cent.—M. L. Campbell, tobaccoist in a small way in Vancouver, finds his affairs in a bad shape, being chattel mortgaged. He has assigned.—J. Coupland succeeds Webster & Fee in the grocery business at Vancouver, while Wishart & Burton, grocers, in the same city, are out of business.

SOME time ago, J. W. Powers removed from Dakota to Calgary, and purchased the jewelry business of Davidson Bros., in that town, giving some cash and a chattel mortgage to secure the balance of the purchase money. Now he is said to have crossed the boundary a second time, leaving his Canadian creditors in the lurch.—In Elkhorn, Manitoba, Stewart & VanOstrand, general storekeepers, find that although they have book debts of \$13,000, they cannot meet their liabilities of \$8,000. They therefore made an assignment.—Midleton & Co., boot and shoe dealers, Winnipeg, have got into trouble, and many of their credi-

tors have taken their stock back at par value. The remainder, we are told, has been sold, and the business closed.—F. X. Cousineau, of the Bon Marche dry goods store on King st., Toronto, has admitted as managing partner Mr. Phillip De Gruchy, formerly European buyer for Mr. S. Carsley and other houses in Montreal.

An order for four hundred sets of sleigh bobs has been received by the Chatham Wagon Works, from Massey & Co., Winnipeg. These are to be supplied for the coming winter's trade in the North-West. The company will at once set about executing the order. We are told, besides, the same Chatham company has already disposed of this year no less than one thousand five hundred wagons of its celebrated make.

To send bulky products, such as mill machinery, &c., from Western Ontario to far Australia for purposes of exhibition, betokens very considerable enterprise and deserves some reward. We are pleased to be told, therefore, that the Waterous Engine Works Company, of Brantford, which had the pluck to send some of their products to the Melbourne Exhibition, has been awarded the gold medal and two certificates for its saw-mill exhibited there.

BETWEEN 600 and 700 pounds of frogs' legs, says the *Picton Times*, are shipped from Kingston to New York every week. The retail price here is 12½ cents a pound and the duty levied by the United States 2½ cents, though some of the packages, it is said, are shipped as fish at 1 cent. The frogs are gathered by men who make between \$7 and \$8 per week, at Odessa, Verona, Parmalee Lock, Marble Rock, Rideau River, Gananoque, and at ports along the Rideau River.

OWING to the sale of old and decayed lobsters in England, the Preserved Food Section of the London Chamber of Commerce proposes the following resolution: "That a letter from this chamber, signed by the chairman of the Preserved Food Trade Section, be sent to the various boards of trade in the United States and Canada, calling attention to the bad condition of certain lobsters now being placed on the market, and suggesting that packers should place upon the bottoms of tins the date of packing, and thus prevent the sale of goods which have so deteriorated as to be unfit for consumption." It is not probable, in the opinion of the *St. Louis Grocer*, that this request would be granted by American canners.

FANCY a sailing vessel which carries a cargo of 5,537 tons, consisting of jute, indigo, shellac, and other East India goods. Yet this is the capacity of the English barque "Falkland," and such are the goods she brought to New York from Calcutta last week after a trip of 116 days. The "Falkland" has four masts; her net tonnage is 2,739. Of her four masts three are square-rigged and the fourth is rigged fore and aft. She is 375 feet in length, 45 feet wide, and has a depth of 25 feet. The barque will return to Calcutta with 120 cases of oil, and expects to make the passage in 90 days.

THE Manitoba towns are showing good sense in taking precautions against the ravages of fire by providing themselves with fire appliances. Both Brandon and Portage la Prairie, we understand, have ordered steam fire engines from J. D. Ronald, of Brussels, the manufacturer. A powerful Ronald engine passed through the city the other day, coming via Grand Trunk, to be sent hence per C.P.R. to Brandon. Another like it is to go, next month, to Portage la Prairie. These orders, we are told, are the second purchase in both cases from the same firm. Winnipeg and Vancouver have each two of these steamers.

A TAILOR, in a small way, in the city of Hamilton, T. Wagner, has been but eighteen months in business, and now assigns to F. H. Lamb.—In London, Wm. Lozo, a small corset maker, who never deserved any credit away from home, has been sold out by the bailiff.—S. and J. Armstrong, at McKellar, whose creditors, as we noted, held a meeting without any decision, have since assigned.—In Port Hope J. M. Hunter, grocer, has assigned to Wm. Kinloch, of Montreal.—Another assignment is that of J. Milligan, dealer in furniture, etc., St. Thomas.—After being in the grocery business in Wellington one year, J. B. Garrett has assigned.

The large three-story brick hotel in Essex Centre, owned by E. C. Lewis, was totally destroyed by fire on the 14th. Loss, about \$12,000; insured for \$4,000. Cause of fire unknown.

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