

ness man. He says he is a trained banker, understands how to treat the funds of depositors and is going to pay them in full, but he does not tell us how. If his investments are as sound as he considers them, there should be no trouble about his re-opening. The real cause of the trouble seems to be the refusal of his cheques by a bank, which may not view his position in so bright a light as he himself does.

SOCIETY is very queer, says a Cincinnati journal. The people most sought after are those who do not pay their debts.

It is stated that Messrs. Bowen & Reed, of Sherbrooke, have closed a contract to build seven hundred miles of railway in the Argentine Republic, South America.

THE stock, amounting to \$27,000, of T. P. Blackwell, a London, Ont., grocer and former dry goods clerk, who commenced business about two years ago, and failed during the present month, has been sold, says the *Times*, at 62 cents on the dollar to J. Grant McKay, of Hamilton.

A SILVER service was presented on Saturday last to Mr. H. L. Pratt, by the employees of the Canada Cotton Co., at Cornwall, of which extensive concern Mr. Pratt has been for the past five years the manager. We understand that Mr. Pratt will not return to Lowell, Mass, but will remain in Canada, having already had more than one application for his experienced services.

THE Waterville correspondent of the *Sherbrooke Gazette* is, so to speak, a daisy. Listen to his description of a female shop-keeper, and then send for his portrait:—"Mr. Wyman's late store has been re-opened under the management of Mr. Peterson and his amiable young bride, who with characteristic grace is ever ready to dispense the thousand-and-one beautiful articles of dress and bric-a-brac incidental to the season."

A DISSOLUTION is announced by the wholesale dry goods firm of Gale, Robertson & Co., dating from the end of 1883, Mr. Gale continuing. Mr. A. J. Robertson, the retiring partner has opened upon his own account as a manufacturers' agent and commission merchant. The agencies for European houses which he has already secured, pushed with his accustomed energy, should secure a very satisfactory amount of business.

A COMPANY has been formed at North Sydney, C. B., with a capital of £50,000, to be called the Boston and Cape Breton Steamship Company, limited, to establish steam communication between Sydney and Boston through the Bras D'Or Lakes and St. Peter's Canal, calling at Baddeck and other ports on the lakes, Port Hawkesbury and Halifax each way. Two first-class passenger and cargo twin propeller boats will be built on the Clyde this winter. Half the stock is taken in Britain.

JAS. D. McRAE has been a long time keeping store at Bolsover, and the present is his second failure. In July 1880 he compromised at 60 per cent. Since then he has barely made a livelihood and he assigned a few days since.—Aaron Erb, hotel keeper at Berlin, was formerly a partner in the Button Manufacturing firm of Nordhausen & Co., of Montreal, which failed in October last. In this concern it was supposed that he lost \$8,000. In order to meet then pressing liabilities he gave a chattel mortgage on some goods in Berlin and under power of this mortgage he is being sold out.

MR. GEORGE BAILEY has been doing quite an extensive carriage business in Ingersoll for many years, and was supposed to have some capital. He finds himself in difficulties, however, and must assign.—Another carriage maker, E. Borland, of Tilsonburg, also in business for a number of years, finds himself in difficulty,

probably this partially through his North-West trade. Now his liabilities are \$8,000, and assets \$5,500. He has assigned.—Geo. Andrews, a Welland hatter is reported to have taken his departure to Chicago. A chattel mortgage and rent will cover all his effects, and creditors outside of this will not get anything. His liabilities are \$2,000.

IN July last A. E. Serby began business in Glencoe as a jeweller, but with little capital. In so short a time as six months he has been compelled to assign.—A general storekeeper at Inwood, Geo. E. Williams, after being in business one year has assigned.—In London Geo. Mc-Broom a seed man has been pressed for rent and other local debts. In order to meet these he sold out his business at 50 cents in the dollar. Outside creditors will get little if anything.—M. & D. McLean, carriage manufacturers at Lucknow, after an experience of eighteen months in business, have assigned.—D. D. Rose, who has been ten years in the grocery business at Seaforth, has failed. He has borne a good reputation and was supposed to be gradually accumulating capital.

MESSRS. D. McCALL & Co. of this city, issue as the heading of their Spring circular a neat cut of Toronto from the Bay, and of their own wholesale millinery premises. They say: "In last Fall's Circular, issued to patrons, we gave a warning signal of an approaching reaction in the Dry Goods trade which, unfortunately, has taken place this past season. We advised caution in buying, and it is a matter of congratulation that many merchants throughout the country have acted on the principle of buying lightly and often, as goods were wanted, thereby avoiding what would otherwise be serious results. The prospects for the Spring Trade are rather encouraging, notwithstanding which, the great-

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est caution should be exercised in purchasing. The main object should be to get stocks reduced, and in sympathy with them, liabilities, which tend to restore confidence more than anything else."

—At the recent dairymen's convention at St. Hyacinthe, Mr. W. H. Lynch offered a prize of \$50 for the best Canadian milch cow. Prize to be given for the cow giving the most butter in two weeks. Contest next summer. He also offered two prizes, the first \$30, and the second \$20 for the best butter manufactured with utensils of his invention.

—*Milkman* (to small boy): "Tell your mother she'll have to pay ready money for milk after this. I ain't going to chalk up any more. *Small Boy*: "What are you going to use instead of chalk, Mr. Grange? Is it glucose?"

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