slipping of belts avoided. The power to any circuit may be applied or withdrawn by means of a switch. The power may be measured at any instant as readily as steam pressure is ascertained by a steam gauge. The weight of shafting is reduced from to per cent, upward, and among other matters, it tends to cleanliness and better lighting. Lighting and power may be obtained from the same plant, although it is generally preferable to have different circuits. Its flexibility is beyond comparison with present methods, unless there may be some comparison between miles of wire and the short spans of belts or rope driving. Mechanical driving is generally cheaper in a single building with a single source of power. While it is capable of sub-division to small units, yet it is not to be generally recommended in this instance for less than 5-h.p. motors where larger units may be provided. The same power can be used for tributary purposes of a mill as elevators, especially those in storehouses, and power railways for transportation of raw material, supplies and product, around the mill yard into the building, or to the shipping point. It is especially applicable to portable power in repairs. It reduces the fire risk in the abolition of belt porches. It is not probable that a fire ever gained headway in an open belt porch, which did not extend to destructive results in a mill, except when automatic sprinklers stopped such fires in their infancy. The ethereal attraction of the magnet has selved problems of sociology in transporting people to homes outside of crowded cities where they carn their livelihood; it is giving value to water powers; it is a step in advance in concentrated methods of manufacturing, vouchsafing with its colleague, the electric light, the blessing of enlightened civilization.

## E. A. SMALL & CO'S. CREDITORS MEET.

A meeting of the creditors of E. A. Small & Co. was held in the Council Chamber of the Board of Trade. Montreal, Jan. 20th. W. C. Kains occupied the chair, and A. W. Stevenson acted as secretary. After Mr. Stevenson had presented a statement of the creditors of the firm and a tabulation of the assets and liabilities, the following resolution was adopted: "That a committee of creditors, consisting of R. R. Stevenson, D. Morrice, A. C. Karns, John W. Shaw, W. J. Stephen, George H. Bishop and John Turnbull, be and are hereby appointed to take into consideration any offer of composition that may be made by the firm, and report on same at as early a date as possible." The statement of liabilities and assets is as follows: Assets—Steck, \$84,909.30; furniture and fixtures \$5.690.90; book debts, \$19,226.09; lot in Winnipeg, \$2,500; interest in Amherst Park, \$4.000; stocks, \$30,300; total, \$146.626.29.

Liabilities—Privileged, \$3.305.15; ordinary, \$263,794.71; W. Pitfield & Co., St. John, N.B., \$14.212.61; Canadian Bank of Commerce, \$56.631.94; total, \$337.944.41. Nominal deficiency \$191.318.12. The principal creditors are as follows:

CANADIAN AND UNITED STATES CREDITORS. Rosamond Woolen Co., Almonte, Ont...... \$10.774 60 Dominion Woolen Mnfg Co., Ltd., Montreal.... 10,691 63 Auburn Woolen Co., Peterboro, Ont...... 10,502 98 M. Fisher, Sons & Co., Montreal..... 6,106 78 The R. Forbes Co., Hespeler, Ont..... 5.195 93 Mentreal Cotton Co., Valleyfield, Que..... 5.124 67 Dominion Cotton Mills Co., Montreal..... 4.227 83 Montreal Woolen Mills Co., Montreal..... 4.028 22 Cornwall Manufacturing Co., Cornwall, Ont...... 3.617 80 A. W. Brodie, Hespeler, Ont..... 3.092 48 Lambton Woolen Mills, Lambton, Ont..... 2,952 00 Trent Valley Woolen Co., Campbellford, Ont.... 2,747 31 Estate John Gillies Co., Carleton Place, Ont...... 2.435 48 The Gault Bros. Co., Ltd., Montreal.....

Waterloo Woolen Co., Waterloo, Ont	1,973 19
George Pattinson & Co., Preston, Ont	1,767 5.
Bank of Nova Scotia, St. John, N.B	1,587 X
W. J. Stethem & Co., Montreal	1,560 2
Munderloh & Co., Montreal	1,511 50
Deckerhoe, Raffloer & Co., New York	1,068 9
Boyd Caldwell & Co., Lanark, Ont	1,053 40
Excelsior Woolen Mills, Montreal	1,029 7.
Boas Manufacturing Co., St. Hyacinthe, Que	935 27
Canadian Colored Cotton Mills Co., Montreal	921 10
Belding, Paul & Co., Montreal	877 40
Desbarats & Co., Montreal	684 15
A. A. McDougall & Co., Montreal	665 01
A. McKim & Co., Montreal	654 16
Merchants Cotton Co., Montreal	637 66
J. C. Wilson & Co., Montreal	
Adam Lomas & Son, Sherbrooke, Que	630 35
Corticelli Silk Co., St. Johns, Que	582 80
Watchorn & Co., Merrickville, Ont	540 83
Hawthorn Woolen Co., Carleton Place, Ont.	504 28
J. Y. Shantz & Son, Berlin, Ont	495 26
S. T. Willett, Chambly, Que	484 40
Lamb, Finley & Co., New York	478 81
McInture Son & Co. Mentant	448 53
McIntyre, Son & Co., Montreal	419 99
George D. Ross & Co, Montreal	406 .37
R. Roschman & Bro., Waterloo, Ont	403 25
Foster, Martin & Girouard, Montreal	400 00
Central Agency, Montreal	371 80
Royal Electric Co., Montreal	311 56
London Free Press, London, Ont.	348 87
J. S. Thompson, Montreal	311 00
Oxford Manufacturing Co., Oxford, N.S	282 30
F B. Mathys, Montreal	235 00
Montreal Waterproof Co., Montreal	210 60
Newlands & Co., Galt, Ont	205 65
S. Greenshields, Son & Co., Montreal	180 46
Barker, Miller & Gardener, McLeod, N.W.T.	155 40
S. Myers & Sons, St. Mary's, Ont	152 03
Walker Bros., Montreal	147 64
Standard Shirt Co., Montreal	133 00
Wm. Skinner Mnfg. Co., New York	124 48
Millichamp, Coyle & Co., Toronto, Ont	127 80
German Artistic Weaving Co., New York	103 11
J. A. Teskey, Appleton, Ont	102 29
Mrs. E. A. Small, Montreal	127 810 27
The aggregate of claims under \$100 is	1,293 10
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ENGLISH AND FOREIGN CREDITORS		
Joseph Brooke & Co., Bradford, Eng	6.703	45
Hudson, Sykes & Bousfield, Leeds, Eng.	2.268	
Brooke, Wilford & Co., Batley, Eng	1,995	
John Crowther & Sons, Milnsbridge, Eng	1,889	15
Robert Noble & Co., Howick, Scotland	1,853	65
A. & S. Henry & Co., Bradford, Eng	1.753	45
Jaffe Bros. & Co., Dundec, Scotland	1,688	98
Schneider & Co., Glauchan, Germany	1.665	73
R. Pullar & Sons, Bridge of Allan, Scotland	1.555	46
Chas. Semon & Co., Bradford, Eng	1,200	0,3
Edelstein, Moser & Co., Bradford, Eng	1,029	06
G. R. Portway & Co., Leeds, Eng.	897	11
Hill & Sons, Dublin, Ireland	858	18
Marsden Mill Co., Marsden, Eng	834	51
Jas. Drummond & Sons, Bradford, Eng.,	791	10
M. Sheard & Son, Batley, Eng	711	30
Kessler & Co., Bradford, Eng	605	12