

lously low rate of 20 per cent., he assigns.—A year ago, George S. Booth, a Parkdale grocer, claimed to have a surplus of \$20,000, but as it was nearly all in real estate, which would not meet his bills, he, too, now assigns to E. R. C. Clarkson.—J. R. Songhurst, a pork butcher, being unable to pay his bills, is endeavoring to arrange a compromise.

At the Montreal Exhibition prizes were offered for different varieties of tobacco grown in Canada. The prizes were taken as under, the winners being all residents of Berthier or Montcalm counties on the north shore of the St. Lawrence, near Montreal: Best leaf tobacco, Connecticut variety, 25 pounds—1, Ovide Marion, St. Jacques l'Achigan; 2, George Marion, St. Jacques l'Achigan; 3, F. Ferland, Lanoraie. Best tobacco, in rolls, not less than 10 pounds, the same parties in the same order. Best collection of leaf tobacco, correctly named—1, J. J. Gareau, St. Roch l'Achigan; 2, L. Marion; 3, O. Marion.

Last week we noted that William Griffith & Co., wholesale boot and shoe dealers at Hamilton, were "getting into trouble." Since then we find that Henry Griffith, residing in Quebec, and who retired from the firm about six months ago, has obtained judgment for \$22,000, and the sheriff is now in possession. The firm's liabilities are estimated at nearly \$70,000. It does not look as though creditors need expect a large dividend.—With the assistance of his father-in-law, who took security on the stock, about two years ago, G. J. Griffin opened a seed store in London. Now he assigns and there will be but little to divide between creditors.—Although attentive to business and working hard, for some months past W. D. Drew & Co., Gainsboro, Manitoba, have been getting behind with their payments and now assign.

An arrangement has been made with the creditors of Weir & Co., general storekeepers at Kingsville, by which the former have accepted 65 per cent. of their claims. E. A. Pavey & Co., of London, advanced the necessary amount. It will be remembered that Weir & Co. assigned some weeks ago.—Last fall two young fellows bought the London grocery stock of A. Grant. Not being successful they have made an assignment, with liabilities of \$785.—An offer of 30 per cent. is

made to the creditors of S. Halstead, a tin-smith at Kincardine.—John B. Gertz, one of the oldest business men in Formosa, who has always borne an excellent record, of late has found the shoe business unprofitable and assigns.—A small manufacturer of brooms, named R. Gard, at London West, has assigned to his brother, J. R. Gard.

THE WAY HE FELT.

A young, tired, honest and kindly-looking couple sat beside me on the boat the other morning bound to the Chicago Fair, and they had much to say to each other.

I overheard this:

"Frank, how much money you got left?"

"Thirty-eight dollars."

"What? Do you mean to tell me, Frank Whipple, that it cost us \$62 already?"

"That's what I mean."

"Oh, Frank, and we could have bought that lovely parlor set."

"Oh, confound the parlor set, Myra. Why we've seen enough here to last us all our lives in thinkin' and talkin'. I'd rather sit on a tub o' butter an' eat my meals off the top of the sink than to have missed this."

And I applauded Frank very quietly for his good sense.—*New York Recorder.*

PACK ON THE SKEENA.

The inspector of fisheries on the Skeena River in British Columbia reports the pack this year by canneries situated there to be as follows: Inverness, 6,000 cases; North Pacific, 7,400 cases; Aberdeen, 6,700 cases; British American, 7,600 cases; R. Cunningham & Sons, 8,065 cases; Royal Canadian, 9,500 cases; Standard, 7,373 cases; Balmoral, 6,373 cases; total, 59,011 cases. This, says the *Victoria Times*, is only about half the pack of last year, and the season on the Skeena is looked upon as a failure. The Lowe Inlet cannery has put up 8,753 cases and the Gardner Inlet cannery 7,100 cases, and are still working.

—The attendance at the Montreal exhibition this year was not very large, the total for the week reaching only 77,621 persons. The *Gazette* learns from an official source that the attendance was as follows:—

Monday, Sept. 4.....	14,043
Tuesday, do 5.....	5,414
Wednesday, do 6.....	24,386
Thursday, do 7.....	7,268
Friday, do 8.....	18,673
Saturday, do 9.....	7,837

Total for the week..... 77,621

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