

position as to settlement, and creditors are not likely to feel favorable to a compromise.

Mr. JOHN GAULT, manager of the Hamilton branch of the Merchants' Bank, has been appointed Inspector, with headquarters at Montreal. We understand that he will be succeeded as manager in the former city by Mr. J. S. Meredith, lately manager at Chicago, where the branch agency has been closed. These changes will take effect about December 1st.

Among the changes in business in Manitoba may be noted the dissolution of wholesale liquor firm of Woodington and Arnold. The business will in future be continued by Arnold, Sinclair & Co. The junior members of the firm were formerly in the employ of Messrs. Ramsay & Co., lately wholesale grocers in this city.—At Brandon, Messrs. Atkinson & Quigly, general storekeepers, dissolved partnership. The senior member of the firm continues under the style of Thos. Atkinson, Jr. Among those who are anxious to get out of business, or who have already done so, at London, are Messrs. J. H. Hogan, Clothing; A. McDowell, Hardware; J. M. Longon & Co., wholesale liquors, intend winding up business; H. E. Bullock, Hardware, Otterville, has merged business into a joint stock company, under style of Bullock Manufacturing Company.

An effort is being made to have another wholesale dry goods house established in Hamilton. At a meeting of citizens held on Monday last for this object Mr. Turner stated that while there were ten wholesale groceries in that city, the wholesale dry goods were disproportionately few. Mr. Brown dwelt upon the consideration that grocery, hardware and other houses could not make an attractive market for the country shop keeper unless there was also a good assortment of dry goods. Mr. Newman representing the firm S. Greenshields Son & Co. extensive importers of dry goods in Montreal, stated that he had strongly advised his firm to establish a Hamilton branch, and after some discussion a resolution was passed by the merchants present, strongly urging the firm to open a house and pledging themselves to do all they could to assist in establishing a successful business.

The Halifax Recorder states that more of a flutter is observable over the failure of J. S. McDonald & Co., as it is becoming better known that there were a large number of depositors with the concern, and that the assets are not of a very encouraging nature. "One young man who had \$1,500 there on deposit, has handed us," says that journal, "the following statement, which he received, as the position of the firm's affairs:

| LIABILITIES.   |          |
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| To amount lost by failures between 1874 and date.....  | \$11,500 |
| Loss in Mining Stock at Gaspé ect...   | 10,750   |
| Expenses from 1874 to date, 1882....   | 12,250   |
| Indirect liabilities, paper endorsed at Merchants' Bank, all good.....                               | 50,000   |
|  | \$84,500 |
| ASSETS.  |          |
| Endorsed paper .....   | \$50,000 |
| Halifax Rancho Co., our portion of grant of 100,000 acres of land at Fort McLeod and Cattle Head's.. | 40,000   |
| Balance of current account in Ledger.  | 2,500    |
|  | \$92,500 |
| Add—Gaspé Lead Mine, free claim and arear at Montague.   |          |

THE Faure Electric Storage and Light Company is being incorporated in New York. Its objects are to make, purchase, and sell electrical apparatus, and to acquire and work the patents and inventions of Camille A. Faure and Charles G. Perkins. The capital stock is fixed at \$2,000,000, and its trustees are David J. Carson, Henry H. Tallmadge, and Lewis C. Tallmadge.

—From the latest official returns of the French Government, it appears that the wheat crop of France even exceeds the early liberal expectations. The yield is estimated at 318,000,000 bushels; a quantity that has only been exceeded once during the last ten years—in 1874—when it reached 366,000,000. The next best years were 1875 and 1877, when the crops were in round numbers, 275,000,000. The crop in 1881 was 268,000,000 bushels, and in 1880 270,000,000. The crop of meslin was 8,259,109 hectolitres this year, a hectolitre being about 2½ bushels. Imperial measure against 6,826,148 hectolitres in 1881; rye, 28,110,312 hectolitres, and 28,575,857 hectolitres in the two years respectively.

OTHER PROVINCES.—Varennes, Que., Nov. 28.—A house belonging to J. B. Renaud, of Montreal, burnt. Said to be insured.—Miltown, N. B. Nov. 28.—Jas. Corbett's grocery store took fire on Monday night last. The goods were damaged by water and the building by fire.—Georgetown, P. E. I. Nov. 29.—The lobster factory and meat packing establishment of Forest & Shearer at Cape Sharpe, near here, burned down. All the fishing gear, canned meat, cans, &c, were destroyed. The building and stock are valued at from \$6,500 to \$7,000; partially insured. Forest & Shearer's loss will amount to between five and six thousand dollars.

A FINANCIAL AND SOCIAL METEOR.—The career in Canada of Gustavus Griffin, M. D., B. A., *chevalier d'industrie* and champion promoter of joint-stock enterprises, etc., to whom we have already referred, has been brief and not brilliant. Mr. Griffin arrived in Montreal a matter of six months ago, but whence nobody seemed to know, and taking offices in St. James St. soon developed into the promoter of various undertakings with high-sounding pretentious titles, such as the "Canadian Magneto-Electric Light Co.," the "Joseph Ladell Electric Light Co.," the "Griffin Music Folio Manuf. Co.," the "Pye Improved Patent Harvester Mfg. Co.," etc., which he expected to organize with an infinitesimal amount of capital but a large amount of brazen cheek. Besides these ventures he undertook to run an hotel, but Gustavus ought to have known better; he was evidently unacquainted with that Americanism "he's a smart man but can't run an hotel." The hotel was, so to speak, the rock on which Mr. Griffin split. He had a peculiarity of engaging managers, secretaries, etc., for his various companies, requiring a money deposit from them as a guarantee of their faithful service. It is needless to say that the innocents who once placed money in his hands rarely saw their deposits again, or salary either. A party, however, engaged to manage the hotel at a salary of \$100 a month, and who deposited \$200 was not satisfied to have the doctor as a principal, and demanded his \$200 back, having all along taken the precaution to secure his salary out of the receipts. This the doctor was unable to arrange and evidently considering the game up, borrowed \$10 and tried to leave the city, but was arrested on a *capias* and now languishes in jail, being unable to find bail. Information recently received points to the probability of his being the same party as is wanted by the Scotland Yard authorities for issuing false certificates of death.

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