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Mr. JOHN F. McCUAIG, late with the British America in Toronto, has been appointed inspector of the Dominion Insurance Company of Hamilton.

JOHN BARCLAY, dry goods dealer, Oakville, Ont., whose assignment was referred to in a recent issue, has effected a compromise at 40c on the dollar, in six months, secured. Mr. Barclay is selling off the stock with a view to winding up and going out of business.

A CORRESPONDENT in Uxbridge, Ont., whose letter has been mislaid, wrote recently to the effect that some effort was about to be made by the storekeepers of that town to express their disapproval of the settlement granted to a local dealer who had lately failed, by a joint agreement not to deal with those creditors who signed the composition.

MILLINERY, St. Catharines, Ont.—"Emma Mine" is not, as you suppose, a term of endearment. It is the name of a mining scheme celebrated a few years ago, but which was afterwards spoken of with anything but endearing expressions.

The bonus of \$10,000 offered by the St. Henri Town Council to the Merchants' Manufacturing Co. of this city, to induce them to build their cotton factory within the limits of that municipality has been accepted,—provided, of course, that the by-law to be submitted to the electors on the 4th May next will be carried. The com-

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pany have purchased 240,000 feet of land on Ambrose street, and on the borders of the Lachine canal, for the site of the mill, the construction of which will be commenced early next month. The company are to be exempted from taxes (save for schools) for twenty years.

The Cornwall Manufacturing Co. (woollens) are making several improvements and enlargements to their mill at Cornwall, Ont. These include two new boilers, a steam engine, and the addition of several looms for increasing their manufacture of blankets. A new story is being added to the east wing of the mill, and, altogether, the improvements will cost something over \$18,000.

The locks in the Lachine canal are undergoing repairs, and new gates are being placed. The work of enlarging this canal, so as to permit of ocean vessels drawing 15 to 20 feet of water to enter from Montreal harbor, and unload in the various deep water basins, will probably be commenced about the middle of next month. The completion of this important undertaking, together with the guaranteed reduction in the canal tolls, will undoubtedly tend to divert a great portion of the grain traffic from the Erie canal to the St. Lawrence route.

LUMBERMEN returning from the Gatineau and Ottawa river districts state that the season just closing has proved the best they have experienced for years, wages having everywhere advanced.—A report from Fredericton, N.B., says the lumber market is very flat; scarcely any deal contracts have been made with Provincial buyers, and the prospects for stream driving are considered not good. The freshest this spring will not likely be high. The prospects of the market for hemlock are good.—The

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Carleton, N.B., lumber mills will all be in operation this spring; additions and improvements to machinery have been made in some of them, and the owners are only awaiting the arrival of logs to commence.

The contractors for the removal of the rock in the Welland canal bed, at sections 34 and 35, are making rapid progress, and expect within ten days hence to have a channel sufficiently large to permit of navigation on a twelve-foot draft. The canal, beyond doubt, can be fed this season from Lake Erie. Although a channel will be open this season capable of accommodating the larger vessels which are expected to use the enlarged canal, the work of rock excavation is not by any means complete, and the canal bed will have to be unwatered next season to permit the contractors to finish the work they have undertaken.

The stock and furniture of Alphonse Benzein, the absconding Ottawa hotel keeper, referred to last week, were sold by the bailiff on Saturday last, and realized \$1,070. When it is stated that the privileged claims, for rent and taxes, amount to some \$1,050 or \$1,100, it will be seen how much will be left for the creditors, principally Montreal wholesale liquor merchants, whose claims amount to over \$2,000. An Ottawa butcher is among the mourners.