

THE G.T. railway station, Hamilton, has been burglarized, the safe opened, and \$2,300 abstracted. The deed was done probably on the Sunday after Christmas.

THE gentlemen who bought the Corriveau silk mills from the Exchange Bank, as we noticed a few weeks ago, have disposed of the property at considerable advance to another syndicate, composed of Paul F. Birks, J. A. Pilon and W. V. Lawrence. The new syndicate intends to apply for an act of incorporation.

A CAR-LOAD of grist mill machinery was shipped, some little time ago, by Mr. H. W. Petrie, of Brantford, to Soda Creek, British Columbia. He is now about to fill an order for saw mill machinery for the same neighborhood. This machinery is transported overland in waggons some 400 miles after it leaves the C. P. R.

WRITING of Sir Edward Cecil Guinness' bounties to the assistant who aided him in rearing the greatness of his firm, says the *London World*. "I hear that Mr. Purser, the manager of the brewery for many years, has received a check for £217,000." This is deemed by *Truth* just a little too good to be true, and the sum £21,700 is mentioned as more likely. It is suggested that a cypher too many has been used in the first account given.

A few evenings ago the employees and a few of the ex-employees of Messrs. Ogilvy, Alexander & Anderson assembled at the rooms of the C. T. A. to express the high estimation in which they held their retiring companion, Mr. W. H. Hodgkinson. The chair was taken by Mr. T. P. Hayes, who, on behalf of those present, described the sincere regrets with which they parted from Mr. Hodgkinson, and presented him with a handsome gold watch as a token of their good-will.

A NEW departure in mining industry according to the *Sydney Morning Herald*, is shortly to be made in the direction of treating mundic in order to extract gold from it. On many fields the mundic deposits have been for years passed over as useless, owing to the inability to extract the metal from them; but now a process (not yet made public) has been devised by means of which about 90 per cent. of gold can be extracted, and ground which has hitherto been deemed valueless is being taken up.

THE largest corporation engaged under the British flag is said to be the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company. The company's fleet now afloat amounts to 200,000 tons, costing nearly £6,000,000 sterling. Altogether, in the seven years' mail contract they have expended in new ships and improvements in old ones £2,800,000, or about £400,000 per annum. At the recent annual meeting, it was stated that the business of the company had increased so far in the increased number of passengers carried; but the receipts therefrom had been less because of the large number of return tickets.

THIRTY-three thousand per day, was the number of admissions to the Colonial and Indian Exhibition while it was in progress. The total attendance reached 5,550,749. Now that it is definitely settled that the "Colinderies" will not re-open next year, the attention of the British public will be directed to the American Exhibition, to be opened May, 1887, at Earl's Court, Kensington, London. Already a large force of men is at work on the grounds at Earl's Court. The land is now graded, the drain-pipes laid, the concrete foundations in place, and the main building is in process of construction.

A TELEGRAM from Halifax states that W. R. Mackintosh, commission merchant in that city, has assigned. Liabilities, about \$150,000, mostly in the upper provinces; preference, \$7,000; assets, small. He has gone to the States.

THE stock of Jefferds & Co., dealers in woollens, &c., at Montreal, was seized last week at the instance of a firm in Winnipeg, which had a claim against Ernest Freund, an employee of Jefferds, who was assumed to be a principal. Judge Mathieu has set aside the seizure, and now Jefferds is about to sue the Winnipeg firm in damages.

THE Manitoba Railway Construction Company applied for a charter, which is granted, for the purpose of constructing and operating a line of railway from Winnipeg to Emerson. The object is to secure the Local Government aid of \$6,400 per mile. The provisional directors are Messrs. G. S. McKay, Peter M. Morrison (Toronto), Alex. McIntyre, J. H. D. Munson and C. S. Hoare.

CITY OF TORONTO local improvement five per cent. debentures to the amount of \$303,000 were disposed of on Thursday last. They were of five, ten and twenty years, principally the two latter. The Imperial Bank was the successful tenderer, the price paid being 102½ for the five, 104½ for the ten, and 108½ for the twenty year debentures, which is about equal to 105½. *en bloc* Messrs. Cox & Co.'s tender was next, reaching 105.

MR. THOMAS TANDY, of the Grand Trunk railway staff at Detroit, has been promoted to be a general freight agent in Montreal. The Detroit Board of Trade has expressed its regret at losing him from their midst, and has presented him with a testimonial in the shape of a set of table cutlery and spoons. The president and secretary bombarded him with kindly speeches and then all hands embarrassed him with three cheers.

A SUBSCRIBER in Pittsburg, Pa., who sends promptly his \$2 in response to one of the postal CHRISTMAS CARDS, of which we sent out a couple of thousand last week, writes as follows to the manager of this journal:—"Friend Trout,—Your Christmas Card is a daisy. The main figures may be a little indistinct, but there is no doubt about the general effect. Being entirely without any *chiaro oscuro* may be a new departure in art, but I should say that you can give Prang many points in Xmas chromos."

ABOUT a year and a half ago, Geo. Poucher of Cyprus, gave his farm in exchange for a general store and a hotel. It did not need a very wise or a very aged prophet to foretell what has already come to pass. Mr. P. has compromised at 65 cents on the dollar, spread over 3, 6 and 9 months.—J. C. Williamson, a photographer at Cobourg, has assigned; so has D. F. Buchanan, a fruit dryer at Forest.—An offer of 60 cents on the dollar has been made by Harrison & Swales, grocers at St. Marys. Their liabilities amount to \$1,200, and assets \$700.—For some time past, Jos. Stovel, a tailor in Winnipeg, has been in financial deep waters. We now learn that he has succeeded in obtaining an extension.

AT least 7,200,000 wash-boards are sold yearly between the Allegheny Mountains and Missouri River. There are two factories in Cleveland which turn out 200 dozen a day; one in Toledo which turns out over 1,000,000 a year. The eastern factories make their wash-boards of pine. The best wood for the purpose is the cottonwood or the sycamore. Pine is too soft, and white pine is too expensive. The best wash-boards, says the *Cleveland Leader*, are made with dove-tailed heads with

wire nails driven across the grain of the wood. The first wash-boards were made of wood entirely, and our washerwomen used to pound the dirt out of the clothes with a stick by laying them on a board. The first wash-boards made of zinc were put upon the market twenty-five years ago, and the style first invented is found the best to-day.

THE *New York Journal of Commerce* says:—"For the month of November the British exports of yarns show an increase of 23.8 per cent. and of cotton piece goods an excess of 26.2 per cent. as compared with the same month last year, while the increases of values compared with November, 1885, are respectively 12.1 per cent. and 18.8 per cent."

WHEN Jno. Simpson, of Streetsville, added hardware to his stock of tins, he did not, in the opinion of those best qualified to judge, make a wise move. His assignment a few days ago would seem to verify this opinion. He owes about \$3,500 and has assets of \$2,500.—Davis & Simpson, the proprietors of a small grocery store in this city find the bailiff in charge of their premises.

ALL the weavers at the Wamsutta woollen mill, at Fall River, Mass., who struck a little over a week ago, returned to work on Monday last except Jessie Tilton, the weaver who was discharged the morning of the strike, and whom the mill refused to take back. The strikers failed to receive an endorsement from the Knights of Labor, as they had struck without first endeavoring to settle the trouble by arbitration.

THE Berlin correspondents of the London financial journals, writing at mid December, unite in reporting a rather precarious condition of things at the Stock Exchange there, the reasons for which are palpable enough. The increase in the price of money, the rise of the Bank rate, the urgent demand for the close of the year, and last but not least, the speeches of the Secretary for War and Count Moltke, have had an uneasy effect on public opinion. Under these circumstances, private investors have begun to sell their Russian securities.

AT a meeting of the creditors of W. O. Whiting, a Toronto fancy goods dealer, held recently, it was decided that the best thing Mr. Whiting could do in the interests of himself and creditors was to assign. This was accordingly done, to Mr. Jno. Milne. The insolvent began business about six months ago with, we are told, little or no capital and worse still, not much knowledge of the trade. These facts did not prevent him from obtaining goods and credit, and those city firms who were so free with both will likely get about 25c. on the dollar.—Thos. Goodfellow, a dealer in tins, at Walkerton, has made an assignment to a Hamilton creditor.

Quite a number of changes in Ontario business circles took place in the last week of the year. The traders whose names follow have sold out: Dorling & Son, tailors, Aylmer, S. H. Glassford, general store, and John McIntosh, shoes, Cannington; Fead Bros., drugs, Sunderland to James McDermott; C. E. Tripp, general store, Sundridge; W. Harkness, grocer to C. E. Henry; Jas. Foster & Sons, hardware, to Andrew Jeffrey; J. F. Lyon & Co., extracts, and B. McCann, grocer, all of Toronto. The dissolutions are Ellis & Godfrey, woollens, Galt; Boake, Judd & Stringer, implement agents, London; Sanders & Caughill, drugs, Ridgetown; Waddell & West, general dealers, Merlin; P. G. Campbell, grocer, has moved from Parkdale to Drumbo, and W. J. Shannon, general store dealer, goes from Sunderland to Blackwater.