

made me the bankrupt that I am."—*American Paper.*

RESPECTING the progress made with the exhibits of Canada at the Paris Exhibition, we learn from a late letter in a Boston paper, that most of our contributions have arrived, and some of them are already in place. The United States section is excellently located, between that of England and her colonies, and those of Sweden and Norway. "Our neighbor, Canada, is close beside us in Paris. The exhibit will be very similar to that shown by the Dominion at the fair of 1876. There will be some improvement in the Agricultural Department; the display of native woods will be rather finer; and there are, I believe, more exhibitors than at Philadelphia. The Canadians are displeased because they did not succeed in obtaining more space, and have urged the English Commission to make an effort in their behalf."

A WEEK'S commercial changes include ten attachments against traders in Ontario, four in Quebec, and four in New Brunswick, out of which aggregate only three were general store men; there were but five assignments in this province, and two in the others. Among those thus affected are; F. Sutherland, dry goods, Woodstock N. B.; Dougall Brothers, Windsor, Ont.; Neil Sutherland, grocer, New Glasgow, N. S.; Brown & Co., hatters, London; Burton & Son, tailors, Listowell; Coleman & Co., Cookstown, and Joseph Brown, Bobcaygeon, general dealers. F. McGuire, saloon keeper of this city has failed, owing about \$40,000. Quite a number in Ontario are going out of business, among them two grocers, a druggist, a stove dealer, two hotel keepers, a dry goods man (viz., Wm. Austin, of Wingham), and a general stock, that of Angus McIntyre, of Dutton, has been sold. There are quite a number of dissolutions; among them that of Leavens & Parsons, oils, Ottawa; Harte & McKillop, stoves, Toronto, W. P. Cowan, retiring, B. T. & M. Davis, brokers, Montreal. Messrs. Arthur Fordham, leather dealer, and Howard C. Evans & Co., grocers, were sufferers by a fire in Halifax; and the Chebucto Lobster Packing Company, of Fortune Bay, Newfoundland, is continued by Messrs. E. G. & C. Stayner, of Halifax.

PAY YOUR SMALL DEBTS.—If we were asked what single act, involving no personal loss, would bring the greatest good to the largest number we should answer, without hesitation, "Pay your small debts." There is a large class in every community, who, though possessed of ample means, are habitually slow in paying their small trade accounts, who could pay just as well at one time as another, who fail to consider what great benefit would result from the very simple act of justice of paying a small bill. They even forget to pay their newspaper subscriptions.

—"It is not generally understood how vitally important a matter is this question of the extent of color-blindness in the community. The whole system of safety signals in use upon railroads and upon the sea depends upon ability to distinguish the colors of red and green. Yet researches have pretty well established the proportion of one color-blind man in every twenty-five men in average health. In Holland,

recently, a Government inspection of railway employees proved that one in every fifteen men was unable to see either red or green, though the running directions of the roads extensively employ these colors, as in this country, the one to signify 'danger' and the other 'all right.' How many of our engine-drivers and sailing masters are in the same predicament, will never be known until examination for color-blindness is enforced, though one or two cases in this vicinity are already known.—*Harper's Weekly.*

OIL MATTERS IN PETROLIA.

Petrolia, April 22, 1878.

Business is unusually flat and development greatly neglected, the continued low price of oil in the States being the cause. The shipments from this place for the week ending 18th were, crude, 1355 bbls.; refined, 226 bbls.

The Mutual Oil Association is still far from being completed, many producers preferring to be free, and refusing to sign. Markets, 22nd April: Crude, 208; Refined (w.m.) 13½ per gall. New York, 20th April: Refined (w.m.) 11½ per gallon; Crude, \$1 30 per bbl.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

3.15 o'clock, April 24, 1878.

Stocks.	Lowest Point in Week.	Highest Point in Week.	Total Transacted in Week.	Buyers.	Sellers.
Montreal.....	167½	169	483	168½	169
Ontario.....	93	95½	590	92½	93
Consolidated.....	78	80	107	78	79½
Peoples.....			1	77	80
Molson's.....		93	90	92	91
Toronto.....				138	14½
Jacques Cartier.....		47½	26	47½	48
Merchants.....	65½	68½	1007	68	68½
Commerce.....	118	118½	461	118	118½
Metropolitan.....					
Maritime.....					
Exchange.....					
Hamilton.....					
Union.....					
Mon. Tel.....	122	124	657	122	122½
Dominion Telegraph.....		83½	70		84½
Gas.....			5		150
City Pass.....	90	92	260	85	90
R. C. Insurance.....				81½	82½
Sterling Exchange.....	109½	109½		109½	109½
Gold.....	100	100		100	100
Richeieu & Ont. Nav.....	57½	59½	584	59½	61
Bank of Montreal & d.....		163	162	163	163½

RAILWAY RECEIPTS.

	Week ending	Total earnings.	Like period 1877.	Increase or decrease
G. T. R.....	April 20	\$170,606	\$192,118	\$21,512d.
G. W. R.....	" 12	80,619	89,013	8,393d.
I. C. R.....	" 15	11,265	13,290	2,025d.
N. R. R.....	" 20	4,529	8,685	4,156d.
Midland.....	" 20	1,331	437	.894d.
T. G. & B.....	" 20			
T. & N.....	" 20			
W. P. & L.....	" 20			

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