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On Saturday, the 23rd ult., at 9.30 a.m., the mails from Britain were delivered at Ottawa from Halifax, and it was not till Monday at 4.30 p.m., that the passengers, who had gone on to Portland in the steamer, arrived. This is a difference in time of fifty-five hours in favour of the Halifax route.

A WRIT of attachment against the Albion Club of Halifax was set aside on the ground that the club was not a trader, the selling of liquors and eatables to its own members not being trading under the Act.

THE Peterboro Board of Trade has been organized. The following are its officers: President, Mr. Wm. Cluxton; Vice do., Mr. G. A. Cox; Treasurer, Mr. Lech. The Council consists of twelve members.

A DRY-DOCK is projected in Kingston which will cost, according to the statement of Mr. Power, \$50,000. The *News* states that thirteen thousand dollars has already been expended on it, ten thousand subscribed, and fifteen thousand are now being sought from the City Council as a bonus. This last sum is the one on which the citizens have to pronounce their willingness or otherwise.

A CABLE despatch from the Mayor of Quebec states that "Baron" Grant pays \$60,000 due on coupons of bonds of that city. This naturally gladdens the City Treasurer, who had some grounds for doubting whether the amount would ever be paid. Some £30,000 are still due by the Baron, which is promised in March next.

A Building Society agent in Pembroke, named T. McLaren, has been receiving monies for the society, which he gave his personal receipts for, and did not pay over. He was committed for doing a man out of \$80 by this means, but got bail, and when out of custody absconded, letting in his sureties for \$100 each.

WE notice the appointment of Mr. T. C. Elwood, late of Ottawa, to be Superintendent of the South-Western Division of the Dominion Telegraph Company, with his residence in this city.

A FIRM of stockbrokers, Messrs. A. B. Campbell & Co., have begun business in Toronto with the avowed intention of doing a purely commission business in stocks and securities, neither speculating on their own account, nor carrying stocks on margin for any one soever. Mr. Campbell bears a good name, and was popular as the secretary of the U. E. Club; and carrying out, as we must presume he will do, the professions we have named, both deserves and may expect to do considerable business.

Does the sweetness said to characterize stolen fruit apply also to whiskey which pays no duty? It would seem, from the number of arrests made for illicit distilling in Ontario, of late, that the taste for what American papers call "crooked whiskey" is growing; and also that the enterprise of the makers is being caught up to by the vigilance of the revenue officers. In the Wilmot case, to which we have already alluded, three men were found guilty of larceny of property, and assaulting revenue officers, and were sentenced to six months imprisonment each. Another trio, named Hillock, Lamont and Stubbs were arrested, some days ago, for illicit distillery in Caledon. Hillock was fined \$100 and costs, goal, if not paid, the others were released. Still another case was discovered in Guelph township, where the plant was found and destroyed by the authorities in July last. Wm. Crawford the proprietor of the utensils was only arrested on the 23rd December, and gave bail for \$1,200 to appear this month.

THE assemblage of the creditors of Messrs. David Allan & Sons, of Guelph, to consider

means of relief from the monetary embarrassment which threatens that firm, is certainly a great surprise to any who knew this old and respectable, milling and distilling house in years gone by. It illustrates the fact that no relaxation of the vigilance and skill which builds up a business, and which, in this case, aided to create a very successful business, can be indulged in with safety. It appeared, at a meeting, that the senior partner, who for many years had supervised the firm's affairs, had, of late, through age and the need of rest, given less attention to the details of business. It further seems that the expenses of the firm had been latterly disproportioned to their earnings, and the active capital had thereby dwindled till it was insufficient for current needs. The surplus now shown, some \$45,000, consist most largely of real estate, stock and plant, which in however well improved condition, will not take the place of ready money. The indebtedness is not very heavy, considering the extent of the firm's business, and the abundant credit they could have commanded. It is a dangerous fancy that any business, however well established, will "run itself;" and if it ever were true amongst us, it is at any rate true no longer.

A GENERALLY unexpected announcement comes from Montreal, of the suspension of payments and assignment in consequence of a demand by a creditor, a former partner, of the clothing house of Muir, Ewan & Co. who for years have done a large trade and borne a high reputation. For the last few years it appeared that the trade of the house was less satisfactory, and its capital no longer ample. Losses to a considerable extent had been made in the Lower Provinces, and the whole field of Canada had been cultivated with such assiduity by rival houses, that the profits of former years were not obtainable.