

952, and the liabilities \$1,479,994. These last were twelve per cent. less than in October, although the failures were greater in number than during that month. But compared with November, 1877, when there were 79 failures, liabilities \$2,100,000, the figures of last month show a gratifying decline.

THE London correspondent of the *Mail* is authority for the statement that the locked-out agricultural laborers of Kent and Sussex, the garden of England, have accepted an offer by the Canadian Government of 5,000 acres land in this country. That writer declares them to be "fine fellows," and likely to be followed by many others.

ALTHOUGH no official notice has been given of the fact, the duty on brick, which was taken off immediately after the fire at St. John, N.B., was re-imposed on the 20th ult. All brick coming into that city from a foreign market will now pay 17½ per cent. duty.

THE creditors of Nathaniel Hammond, of the Hammond House, late the Windsor Hotel, and formerly the Mansion House, in this city, met the other day. The insolvent had only been in business six weeks, during which time he contracted debts amounting to \$8,265, while most of the effects are either covered by chattel mortgage or had only been lent to the bankrupt. The privileged claims amount to \$1,101. A creditor stated at the meeting he would move for the insolvent's discharge, as he considered that a stranger who could come into the city, and in six weeks get \$8,000 into debt, deserved his freedom.

THE Chief of the United States Bureau Statistics reports the excess of exports over imports of Merchandise Act:—1878, \$27,743,464; 1877, \$17,731,155; ten months ended October 31st, 1878, \$237,070,012; do 1877, \$72,191,489. Comparison of export and import of gold and silver coin and bullion exhibits is as follows: October, 1878, excess of imports, \$2,096,807; October, 1877, excess of exports \$293,169. Ten months ending October 31st, 1878, excess of imports, \$2,416,261; do. 1877, excess of exports, \$24,999,919.

THAT steamers were running on Red River in November 22nd is noted as an unusual thing by the *Winnipeg Free Press*.

THE nine miles of railway between Peterboro and Chemong (Mud) Lake, built in 1872 by the Cobourg and Peterborough Railway Company, has been leased, and will be operated next summer.

MR. F. G. SWALES opened shop in Montreal two or three years ago with a very expensive stock of millinery goods, rather too much so for the times and that market. Mrs. Anglim, of Kingston, a relative, we believe, has issued an attachment against his estate, the liabilities of which amount to some \$8000.

MESSRS. WHITESIDES, JORDAN & Co., of Montreal, known as manufacturers of patent spring beds and children's carriages, have assigned, with liabilities estimated at \$10,000.

AN ATTACHMENT has been issued against J. B. Martel & Co., grocers, of Quebec, who have been in business for some years with indifferent success, and of late have been very unsatisfactory pay. Liabilities not heavy.

THEY had the same kind of controversy in Boston twenty years ago, that countless correspondents are having now in Toronto papers, concerning the marriage question, and there were quite as many men found to declare that they could not marry on so many dollars a year. Here is what that poet, doctor, and man of the world, the *Autocrat of the Breakfast Table* said about it then. It is as true to-day, only it is harder now-a-days to give up the cigar and the cane: "Now, do not, I pray you say any more, 'I can't afford to marry.' Go, find the true woman, and you can. Throw away that cigar, burn up that switch cane, be sensible yourself, and seek your wife in a sensible way."

THE directors of the Hamilton and North Western Railway are pushing the extension of their line to Collingwood. Grading is completed, and it is expected that a train will be able to pass over the line to that point before the middle of the month.

THERE appear to have been fewer failures during the past week than in the week previous. The attachments numbered 23, all of them in Ontario but four; 3 general dealers and 3 grocers were amongst them. Seven traders assigned, of whom four were storekeepers; twelve have sold out or given up business. Of those who go out of business we remark Daniel Wilson, of Delhi, Ont., and E. A. Elliott, of Sussex, N. B. Messrs. J. L. Bronsdon & Co., paint and oil merchants, of this city, sell out their retail business. Mr. Carrie retires from the wholesale hat and cap firm of Marshall & Carrie, London. H. S. G. Ascher leaves the firm of Ascher & Co., Montreal. William Douglas, late a commission agent here, has gone to the United States very hastily, leaving his affairs in untoward shape; his effects were attached by a bailiff. Chalmers Bros., grocers, of Woodstock, N. B., have failed; E. Harrison, books, Belleville, has assigned. Allen & Scully, of Owen Sound, compromise at 60c; George Maynard, of Listowel, millinery, at 62½c.

THE creditors of Messrs. Chesnut & Son, hardware dealers, Fredericton, N.B., have had to exercise leniency towards them for some time, and the firm are now in difficulties. G. W. Vanwart, in the same line of trade in Woodstock, N.B., has assigned to Mr. W. H. Thorne; his failure is spoken of in very unpleasant terms by parties down there. He claims \$2,000 of assets to meet liabilities of \$7,800. The estate may pay twenty per cent.

MESSRS. FROST & WOOD, manufacturers at Smith's Falls, Ont., write us respecting an item in our Mercantile Summary stating that malleable works have been established there by the Messrs. Frost, that the new works which have been established by Messrs. Frost & Jones are in no way connected with their establishment,

though Mr. Frost of the new firm is a relative, and Mr. Jones, the other partner, was formerly foreman moulder for their firm.

RAILWAY RECEIPTS.

	Week ending	Total earnings.	Like period 1877.	Increase or decrease
G. T. R.	Nov. 30	\$177,053	\$202,509	\$25,456D.
G. W. R.	" 29	68,938	91,739	22,801D.
N. E. R.	" 24	13,813	13,639	174I.
I. C. R.	" 30	3,897	6,676	2,779D.
Midland	" 30	4,519	5,218	799D.
T. G. & E.	" 21	3,460	4,707	1,247D.
P. & N.	" 30	1,330	950	380I.

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