THREE inconsiderable failures in Toronto this week were those of J. R. Seager, plumber; R. S. Parson, broom manufacturer, and Robert Turville, laundry.

THE reason assigned for the failure of Brownrigg & Co., grocers and butchers at Winnipeg, is the removal of the hay-market, which, it is said, was the source of considerable business to the firm in other days.

C. M. TANNER, conductor of the East India Tea Co., at Vancouver, has assigned. At first glance the name of the company would suggest a big concern, but its size may be inferred when we state that liabilities only amount to $300.

ASSIGNMENTS are made by W. R. Purser, merchant, Mitchell's Bay; Maggie Willis, fancy goods dealer, Sarnia; Jas. D. Lovell, confectioner, Niagara Falls; John Evans, cheese-maker, St. Thomas; Girard & Co., general dealers, Sturgeon Falls.

AMONG other items about New Brunswick lumbering, we hear that a saw-mill is being built at Springhill, not far from Fredericton, by John Campbell, Jr. He has ordered a 100 horse-power engine and boiler, and other machinery from the Robb Engineering Company, of Amherst, and feels confident of success.

W. & D. PATERSON, dry goods dealers, Belleville, failed, years ago, and their mother, Jane Paterson, succeeded them. But last August she made a transfer to the wives of W. and D. Paterson, who have since conducted the business as The Paterson Co. Now they offer to compromise at seventy cents on the dollar, cash.

IN March, 1894, McKenzie & Petch commenced in the dry goods line at Watford. Two years later they assigned, owing $10,700. When the stock was sold it realized creditors 35 cents on the dollar, cash, Mrs. McKenzie being the purchaser. Recently, they made an effort to arrange another compromise at forty cents on the dollar, but failing to find security, have assigned.

WE have seen plans of the proposed alterations to the Toronto premises of the Union Bank of Canada. When completed, the building will be nearly as wide again as at present, and the front will be on the street line. The banking offices will be inside the easterly entrance, while a new doorway will be placed at the west front. It is intended that the offices, other than those for the bank's use, shall be fitted up in a modern manner for general business purposes. The location, it seems to us, is a good one.

TORONTO STOCK TRANSACTIONS.

Business on the Toronto Stock Exchange has been fairly active during the week, and quotations at the close are generally higher than a week ago. Prices have shown considerable irregularity, especially in mining shares, which have not been dealt in to the same extent as last week, and sell lower in most cases. Crow's Nest shows a loss of 16½ points, the last sale being made at 200. Cariboo opened at 179½, sold as low as 165, but later in the week firmed up considerably, selling to-day a few points lower than last week. War Eagle, however, has been an exception, and has advanced from 347 to 353. Banks and assurance shares remain dull. Among miscellaneous shares, the bulk of the trading has been done in C.P.R., which has advanced a point. Electric stocks have been active, Toronto Electric has advanced from 141⅞ to 144½, and brought 143 to-day. On account of the announcement by the General Electric Co. of an intended allotment of a block of stock at $120 per share, and also the increase in the last half-yearly dividend from 3 to 4 per cent., its stock has advanced from 160 to 171¼, selling at the close at 169. London Electric shows an advance of 4 points. Toronto Railway, which had been dull at the beginning of the week, picked up at the close and sold at 116½. Loan companies have been more active, with advances in most cases. Following are the transactions:

Ontario Bank, 45 2-3 at 123-124; Bank of Toronto, 20 at 250; Bank of Commerce, 366 at 150-151; Imperial Bank, 15 at 216¼; Dominion Bank, 8 at 270; Bank of Hamilton, 22 at 189-192; Western Assurance Co., 143 at 166-166½; National Trust Co., 75 at 129½; Consumers' Gas Co., 6 at 233-234; Canada N.W. Land, pref., 122 at 55¾-56; C.P.R. Stock, 5,485 at 89¾-91⅛; Toronto Electric Light Co., 1,077 at 141⅞-144½; Canadian General Electric Co., 501 at 160-171¼; Commercial Cable, 400 at 192⅞-193¼; Commercial Cable, reg. bonds, $10,000 at 105⅛; Bell Telephone Co., 67 at 173½-176; Bell Telephone Co., new, 3 at 172½; Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Co., 532 at 106½-108; Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., 323 at 200-207; Toronto Railway Co., 582 at 114⅜-117; Hamilton Electric Light Co., 151 at 78⅞-80; London Electric Light Co., 159 at 130-134; War Eagle Mining Co., 23,045 at 345-353; Cariboo Consolidated Mining Co., 20,000 at 165-179½; Twin City Railway, 825 at 68¾-70⅝; Payne Mining Co., 16,550 at 153½-168; Canada Landed & National Investment Co., 76 at 98½-100; Canada Permanent Loan Co., 58 at 118-118½; Canada Permanent Loan Co., 20 per cent., 240 at 114½-114¾; Freehold Loan & Savings Co., 3 at 100; Landed Banking & Loan Co., 24 at 111; Western Canada Loan Co., 1 at 120; Western Canada Loan Co., 25 per cent., 214 at 103-104.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, 22nd Feb., 1899.

STOCKS.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Closing Prices. Sellers.	Closing Prices. Buyers.	Average, same date 1898.
Montreal	253	250	10	... ...	250	235
Ontario	120	120	3	......	120	100
Molsons	204½	200	84	......	204	200
Toronto	...	......	......	255	245	228½
Jac. Cartier	11 ½	110½	50	112½	110	100
Merchants	182	182	5	... ...	180	180
Commerce	151	150½	72	150½	......	142
Union	......	......	......	......	120	103
M. Telegraph	177	177	60	180	......	178
R. & O. Nav.	108½	106½	983	109	108½	102
Street Ry.	311½	302	5143	320	314½	260
do. New	310½	300	2118	311	310½	257
Gas	214	212½	661	215	213½	195½
C.P.R.	90⅜	89⅞	12,567	90⅜	90¼	82½
Land Grant bds.	......	......	......	......	......	......
Bell Tele.	175	173	50	180	174½	174
do. New	173	173	25	......	......	......
N. W. Land pref	......	......	......	......	......	......
Mont. 4% stock	......	......	......	......	......	......

Debentures.

Municipal Debentures bought and sold, also Government and Railway Bonds. Securities suitable for Investment by Trustees and Insurance Companies and or Deposit with the Government, always on hand.

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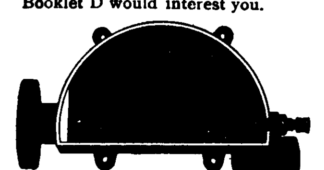

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