THE Winnipeg Grain and Produce Exchange will raise its annual membership fee to \$20 after 1st January, 1894.

A GLENCOE merchant discovered one of his butter rolls to be vile soap grease thinly veneered with the genuine product.

THE mining convention, of which we wrote last month, is now being held in Montreal. Some hundreds of delegates, American and Canadian. are in attendance.

THE firm of T. G. & A. W. Albert, grocers at Whitby, have assigned to the sheriff .-An assignment is also made by J.A. & M. Dawson, saw millers, Windham.

THE Strathroy Canning and Preserving Company last week sold ten carloads of their goods to a Canadian firm for shipment to Britain. The amount of the transaction figured up some \$10,400.

A NUMBER of men have been set to work by the Grand Trunk to overhaul the Point Edward elevator, improving the foundations as well as the interior. Its present capacity is 80,000 bushels, and the suggestion is made that it might be doubled or trebled to advantage.

THE Cornwall Standard says that the sale of the bankrupt estate of Joseph Girouard, of Moose Creek, took place at the Rossmore House, Cornwall. The stock, amounting to about \$4,000, were bought by Mr. A. L. Cockburn, of Moose Creek, for 69 cents on the dollar, and the book debts by Mr. J. T. Kirkpatrick, of Cornwall.

A PRESENTATION was made last week to Mr. R. C. Jennings, who has been manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Paris for the past eleven years, and who is about to take the management of the branch of the same bank at Toronto Junction. The merchants and business men presented Mr. Jennings with an address accompanied by a china dinner service, and a variety of silverware.

On Friday last some \$99,000 in bright new Canadian coins was received at the Receiver. General's office in Toronto. There were 59 iron-bound boxes delivered at that office on the 17th. The new coins, which are in tencent and five cent silver and one-cent copper, are the first issue of 1893, and are direct from the mints at London, Eng., and Birmingham. This total of \$99,000 is apportioned as follows \$30,000 in ten-cent pieces, \$65,000 in fives, and \$4,000 in plebeian coppers.

THE creditors of Brignall & Thompson, a leading dry goods firm at Belleville, had a meeting in Montreal last week, at which it was arranged that the firm should liquidate under the supervision of a committee of creditors. They owe about \$40,000, and show an apparent surplus of about \$9,000 only.

According to the Quebec Chronicle, several changes among the clerks of La Banque Nationale are announced. Mr. E. Huot, chief accountant, takes the management of the new St. Roch's branch, being replaced by Mr. E. Cote, who will be succeeded in the management of the St. John street agency by Mr. C. Cloutier.

THE Cleveland, London and Port Stanley Transportation and Railway Company will next spring put daily first-class passenger steamers on the route between Port Stanley and Cleveland. The company has bought from the G. T. R. the two Point Edward car ferry steamers. These will be placed on the route to carry coal and freight in cars without breaking bulk.

IT appears that we were somewhat premature in stating that the Ridgetown Canning Co. had assigned. However, the fact is now definitely stated, and the company inform us that they have sufficient to meet all liabilities. -The landlord of J. R. Neff, grocer, etc., Watford, has seized and sold his stock for rent. Unsecured creditors need not expect much if any dividend.

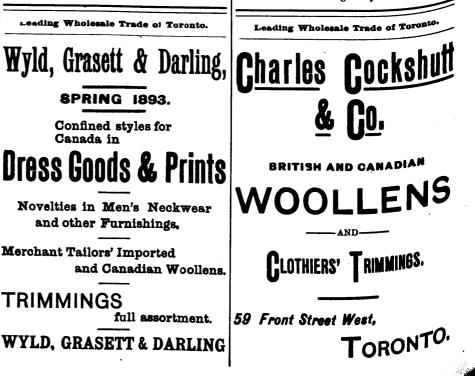
THE new post cards are out. They are much larger than the old ones. The 3-cent letter cards introduced are somewhat new. They are gummed and perforated, and can be used in place of a letter. For big letters and packages the Government has issued 20 and 50 cent stamps. These stamps are red, and the design is the same as the old bill stamps. The postoffice department is to be congratulated on meeting a public want by these issues.

Among Montreal traders, the week's failures are again few. A further demand of assignment has been made upon J. L. Barre, wine merchant, etc., which we believe he purposes contesting.----A grocer named Auguste Demers, who some months ago bought out the old established stand of the late H. Charlebois, has assigned; he owes \$7,700.-J.A. Thibault, also a grocer, has likewise assigned. He owes \$5,369, of which \$2,000 is to Rev. Jude Thibault.

In consequence of the efforts of the Tennessee and Georgia Tobacco Growing Association at Chattanooga, Tenn., some fifteen local associations have been formed in ten counties of those States. An effect of this encouragement of tobacco culture is so general and interest among farmers so great that it is estimated that the plantings will yield a orop of at least 1,000,000 pounds. The greater part of the tobacco will be bright leaf.

THE cotton market has been quiet and steady for a week or more. Receipts at all American ports from 1st September, 1892, up to the close of last week, were 4,102,000 bales, as compared with 5,848,000 in the previous corresponding season. Total crop to sight since September 1st was 5,582,405 bales, as compared with 7,686,909 same time last year. The New York Bulletin announced a general meeting of the Cotton Growers' Association to be held st Memphis on the 22nd inst., to consider the question of acreage to be planted with cotton this year. It is believed that the efforts made last year to secure concerted action in reducing the acreage had much to do with the small crop now coming to hand, and that a similar course ought to be pursued this year.

THERE are not many new failures to be noted in the Province of Quebec for the week. T. Lemay, general dealer at Lake Megantic, whose failure we have already noted, has effected a compromise at 40 cents on the dol--Alexandre Provencher, a general trader lar.of Ste. Monique, in the district of Three Rivers, has assigned with liabilities of \$14,000; assets, \$10,000.—Lemire & Frere, general merchants at Drummondville, whose assignment we noted a fortnight ago, offered their creditors 25 cents on the dollar cash, which was not acceptable ; they have amended their offer, and now propose paying 35 cents cash and 5 cents on time, which will likely carry Liabilities are some \$30,000.-P. Drapest, a mill hand at Sherbrooke, who started a little store under his wife's management several years ago, has sunk all his little means, and has assigned.-Pierre Roux, formerly the secretary treasurer for the municipality of Ste Helene de Chester, started a small general business about four years ago, with very limit ted capital and no previous experience, and he has now assigned, owing about \$2,200. A. Maranda, doing a small grocery business at St. Hyacinthe, has assigned on the demand of a Montreal wholesale grocery house.



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