

THE rate-payers of Hamilton have declined to vote \$125,000 in aid of the Niagara Central Railway.

WORK has begun on the Peterboro and Ashburnham electric street railway. Four of Paterson & Corbins handsomest coaches will be provided, and trailers by-and-bye.

THE general stock of F. A. Campbell at Shelburne is offered for sale by auction on Tuesday next.—Tenders are asked for the general stock of R. B. Abbott, Brinston's Corners.

THE New Westminster *Columbian* says that some 300 cattle have died already and more are dying, on the Sumas prairie, the result of starvation from an insufficiency of hay put up last fall. Mr. Amos Bowman, it is said, has lost 60 head.

B. HOLLINQUIST has been storekeeper at Oak Lake, Man., a dozen of years, but made no substantial progress. He has lately assigned.—Want of capital has always hampered James Palmer, who kept a general store at Carman, and now he too assigns.

THE business of the world of trade and commerce has come to have its expert narrators, and it is a fact that the advertisement writing of to-day exacts and receives far more attention in the matter of accuracy and variety than the public has any idea of.

It appears that a petition for the early closing of bar-rooms on Saturday nights failed to carry in the Lachute town council on a tie vote. If the people of Lachute knew how great peace and benefit the Province of Ontario has derived from shutting up bar-rooms at seven on Saturday nights, they would not miss the opportunity of doing likewise.

WE are told that Mr. G. A. Stimson, investment broker, of Toronto, has purchased the different bonus debentures given to the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway. These include \$5,000 of the town of Blenheim, \$5,000 township of Tilbury East and \$10,000 township of Raleigh. These municipalities received considerable premiums for these bonds, it appears.

IN May last, Edward O. Brooks bought the general stock of David Perkins, at Greenbank, Ont., and not having any capital, it is no great wonder that he should already find it necessary to assign.—Alfred Hardy carried on business in his wife's name at Bridgewater, in

the county of Hastings, for a number of years, and now assigns to the Hon. Billa Flint.—J. M. Duncan, who has a small grocery in Hamilton, makes an assignment.

A GOOD many new buildings have been erected in Sudbury within the last two or three years, and many changes have been made. A fine new brick block has been erected, and is now occupied by Kirkwood, Lennon & Co., wholesale grocers and provision merchants. It has three floors and basement, and the firm ship goods by the carload to the various lumber districts during the cutting season. G. H. Lennon, one of the partners, was formerly manager of the Hudson Bay Company.

THE hotel stock and fixtures of Andrew Martin, at Hamilton, have been sold out by bailiff.—We hear of the assignment of J. S. Beaton, Oshawa, who had been in the grocery business over 12 years and was generally supposed to be making progress.—A chattel mortgage has long encumbered the drug stock of Wright & Co., Toronto Junction, and they now assign.—Wigle Bros., general storekeepers, Essex, got into trouble last autumn, and arranged a compromise at 50 per cent. They make an assignment. Credit seems to have been the ruin of their business for many years.—Dealing in stationery, etc., at Lindsay for a number of years, G. A. Metherall has barely made a living and now assigns.

WE are told that the Waterous Engine Works Co., of Brantford, has received a large order from the Sandwich, Windsor and Amherstburg Electric Railway, for grip pulleys, shafting, &c., for that enterprise. Part of the order consists of 43ft. of 5½ inch shafting. Then one large plain pulley, two 300-horse power grip couplings and one 350-horse power grip coupling, which suffices to illustrate the calibre of the machinery. There are half a dozen of the Waterous grip pulleys ordered, ranging in size from eighty-six by twelve down to fifty-four by twenty-two. Evidently the Windsor, Sandwich and Amherstburg Electric Company proposes to be well equipped with power.

MONTREAL partnership registrations include the following:—Bella Rosa Blumenthal, Oliver Lapointe, Alphonse O. Maranda, all of Verdun, partners under the firm name of A. Salomon & Co., to do business as the Riverside Ice Company.—Francis G. McGrave and

Joseph R. Davey, partners in the Hochelaga Electrical Supply Company.—H. Marceau & Co., merchants, consists of Joseph Hector Marceau and Joseph P. Prudhomme.—James Henry, Edward Davis and Henry Fishly Lunan, partners in the grocery business under the firm name of J. H. E. Davis & Co.—Anna Mary Wright, widow of the late Rev. Thomas Gales, registers as a dealer in boots and shoes, under the firm name of Gales Brothers.

ANY one who goes along the main streets of our cities at a few minutes past six in the evening, will get an idea of the extent to which the bicycle is now used. He will see young men, middle-aged men, and sometimes young women whirling by homeward on their "bikes," after office hours. Few of the old lofty sort of bicycles are now to be seen, however; these are superseded by the low, geared-wheel sort. The advances made in the manufacture of these means of locomotion since the "Safety" was first made have been something wonderful. People tell us that it is because the introduction of the pneumatic tire has made riding such a comfort that cycling is becoming popular amongst all classes. It is estimated that 20,000 bicycles are now in use in the Dominion, Toronto alone having some thousands of riders.

THE Acme Silver Co. (limited), whose works are in Toronto, has gone into liquidation. The company had a paid capital of \$60,000 and was managed by A. J. Parker, who is the principal shareholder. It appears that the liabilities of the company are in the neighborhood of \$30,000, and the managers of the estate say that not only will all claims be paid in full, but at least a portion of its capital is expected to be returned to shareholders. Unfortunately for the company, Mr. Parker has also become involved through his connection with a "fake" newspaper known as *The Canadian Queen*, and has been in connection with this committed for trial to answer a charge of fraud. He, it seems, with the hope of recouping an apparent loss, purchased the paper last July and assumed its liabilities, thus getting deeper into trouble.

HERE is a group of failures in Toronto: Johnston Bros., stationers, who owe \$3,000 and have only \$2,500 nominal assets to pay it, have assigned.—Thomas Alcock and H. Gooden, who have been carrying on business as the

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