

ager of the Marine department of the Royal Canadian Insurance Co., has been appointed manager for Canada of the Thames and Mersey Marine Insurance Co., a position for which his life-long experience up every step of the ladder should amply qualify him.

IT is to be hoped that the local Government of the Province of Quebec in framing its new insurance enactments will take a lesson from the experience of the profession as regards the Ontario Act. We submitted some views on the subject in the JOURNAL OF COMMERCE OF May 18th, 1882, pages 428 and 430, and hope they have not been in vain.

The law in Ontario compelling insurance companies to pay claims within thirty days is, to say the least, a blunder. There are cases where creditors may have sued and not obtained judgment within that limit, so that if payment be made to the debtor he may snap his fingers at the courts or put himself beyond the reach of the law. A case is now going on in Quebec made on A. M. Allan & Co., retail dry goods dealers, this city, referred to last week, an

assignment in trust has been made for the general benefit of creditors. Messrs. Gault Bros., this city, issued the seizure for a claim of \$1,690. As soon as the stock has been taken, a meeting will be called to receive a statement of Mr. Allan's affairs.

THE liabilities of Messrs. Bennet & Co., dry goods merchants, St. Johns, Que., whose assignment was noted last week, foot up about \$8,000, due chiefly in this city. The firm have been in existence about two years, but their success has always been considered doubtful; the trade has been overdone in St. Johns for a considerable time past, and again the firm have latterly been interested also in a store in this city, which is believed to have had something to do with the failure.

THERE is a painful rumor afloat regarding an embezzlement of some \$15,000 by Mr. Æneas McMaster, a well-known citizen of Scoustown,

months ago, but postponed his departure owing to illness in his family. It is to be hoped that the matter may be satisfactorily cleared up.

As the weather prophets sometimes hit the mark, so there is now and again something in a name, notwithstanding the accepted sentiment about the smell of the rose. Mr. Small is not unlikely to be a man of large stature; Mr. White may be dark, and Mr. Black fair, and so on, but John Swindells, a small watchmaker of Hamilton, who recently shook the snow of the city from off his feet, does not belie his name. The principal sorrowers for what his absence implies are several citizens who left their watches with him for repairs ; some of these have been recovered from the pawnbroker. He left a large family in indigent circumstances behind him.

WE REGRET to learn that Messrs. Claggett & Co., retail dry goods merchants, this city, who, like many others in the same line, have been pulling against the tide for sometime past,