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A CURIOUS scheme is afoot to settle the question of oil transportation from Petrolia to London. It is gravely proposed to lay a pipe the entire distance—about sixty miles—and by placing pumps at intervals to force the oil forward. When first mooted we regarded the project as a bugbear to frighten the Great Western Railway into a reduction of rates, and greater promptitude in dealing, and it is still liable to this interpretation; but as the projectors give notice of application for a charter in the *Ontario Gazette*, it may be that the matter is seriously contemplated. There is nothing impossible about it, the only question being whether it will pay—and this point remains to be demonstrated.

THE AMERICAN Grocer—a warm advocate of Cash vs. Credit—asserts that a cash grocer never fails. He always has goods or money, and, if he is honest, and sells his goods at a profit, and spends less than he makes, he is as certain to be successful as the sun is to rise tomorrow morning. While the cash system is best adopted for the larger cities it thinks that a good live man can work up a successful cash trade almost anywhere.

THE HAMILTON Board of Trade have had the Insolvent Act under discussion. A good many members were in favor of leaving the Act as it stands, fearing that any attempt at amending it might be fatal to the law altogether. A committee was appointed to report on the subject. The tariff question was similarly dealt with, the committee to report within a week. Seventy new members were added, so that hereafter the Board will more fully represent the commercial and manufacturing interests of Hamilton than at any time previously.

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TWO MEETINGS of the Toronto Board of Trade were held last week. A petition presented to the Dominion Parliament last Session urging the repeal of the Stamp Act so far as it relates to stamps on bills and promissory notes was ordered to be renewed and will be laid before the House at the next Session. The Insolvent Act was taken up and a committee appointed to report on the subject. A motion was passed in favor of the free delivery of letters in cities. Import duties were then discussed, and the views of members on the vexed question of free trade vs. protection were generally and freely expressed. One gentleman, Mr. J. G. Worts declared himself a free trader pure and simple and an advocate of direct taxation. He wanted to see the present tariff lowered as fast as possible. Messrs. Thomson, Turner, Elliot, and others supported the resolution which favored protection. The matter was finally referred to the Dominion Board of Trade.

A CASE has just occurred in the grocery trade which is as justly a subject of severe criticism as any that has fallen under our notice for a good while past. A Mr. Fulton respectably connected and who was relied upon with great confidence by those with whom he had dealings, has exhibited himself in a new light, and has proven that he has only awaited the opportunity to take advantage of his creditors, in order to embrace it. Conducting a grocery business for some time on Yonge street, Toronto, with rather questionable success, part of the time in company with another person who a while ago went out of the partnership, he lately undertook to sell out the business to Messrs. McCulloch & Morton. This invitation to walk into a very dangerous "parlour" Mr.

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Fulton's creditors accepted and not long afterwards discovered they were pretty well caught. When he had realized on the stock, the next step was a visit beyond the lines, from which point of vantage, as we are informed, Mr. F. directed a solicitor here to offer his creditors 30c! Such conduct, if correctly represented to us, cannot be characterized in too strong language, and we are quite clear that if there is not now, there ought to be as soon as possible a statutory provision to make it impossible for creditors to compromise with such parties without becoming liable to a penalty. We have no idea that they propose to do it in this case. Whatever their pecuniary interests may be, their obligations to maintain business morality should utterly preclude any settlement short of 100 cents in the dollar. It is in view of such cases as this that it was urged the other day at a meeting of the Hamilton Board of Trade, as well as on other occasions by merchants, that there should be a means of securing the extradition of this class of offenders in order that justice be not mocked and set at naught by them.

THE CONTINUAL and prospective further advance in railroad freights on all our trunk lines connecting the seaboard with the West, has become such a cause of discontent and embarrassment among shippers of merchandise that it is extremely probable an earnest appeal will be made to Congress for some kind of legislation tending to mitigate this grievance. We are in favor of any effective plan for putting a stop to this wholesale robbery of the interior merchants and the farmers by the railroads.

—Boston Commercial Bulletin.

There are some people who would regulate every thing by a statute of the realm. Brave talk like the foregoing often finds expression in the columns of the general newspaper; but