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—Bowmanville is shipping furniture to Manitoba.

—A Detroit firm is about to open a branch corset factory in Windsor, to employ about 200 hands.

—There is some excitement over the discovery of gold quartz of an unusually rich character, in the Township of Madoc, near Banockburn.

—The directors of the St. Catharines Street Railway Company have purchased 160 tons of steel rails for the proposed street railway in that city.

—The judge of the Superior Court last week dismissed the petition to quash the *capias* against Goldring, at the suit of the Banque d'Hochelaga. This is the second time that the defendant has been defeated on petitions for release.

—A meeting of the creditors of Messrs. Côté, Côté & Co., shoe manufacturers, St. John, Que., was held yesterday in that town; results not ascertained.

—Edwin Thomas of Fort Erie, against whom a writ of attachment issued a short time ago, has petitioned to set it aside, his plea being that he is not a trader.

—Ephrem Wright, of Halifax, N.S., produce and commission merchant, has absconded. Liabilities about \$5,000, chiefly for consignments of produce from this city and the West.

—The goods belonging to the insolvent estate of Arthur Garden of Thorold, Ont., have been sold to Mr. J. P. Tisdall of the same place, for 65 cents on the dollar cash.

—We learn that the Beaconsfield grape-vines are being planted largely throughout the Province of Quebec and Ontario this spring. The vines sell at 50 cents each at the vineyard at Pointe Claire, Quebec.

—A writ of attachment was issued on Saturday by a man named McConnell, a farmer, for \$500, against L. A. Carscallen, who has been

acting as agent for the Grangers in the grain business in Napanee, Ont.—*Bellefleur Intelligencer*.

—On Wednesday a writ of attachment was issued against Messrs. Rafter, Desmarreux & Co., retail dry goods merchants in this city. Mr. Rafter has had considerable experience in matters of insolvency, and his career in his present partnership has not been very protracted.

—Mr. G. Mountain of Quebec, wholesale grocer, who effected a settlement with his creditors on 29th May, 1878, of 45 cents on the dollar, payment extending over fifteen months, without security, has declared his inability to carry out the conditions of the deed of composition; the assignee has, accordingly, resumed possession of the estate.

—The new departure undertaken by many country storekeepers in the west a few seasons since of getting the farmers and workmen to give "notes" for their indebtedness is still in operation, and seems to work fairly. Of course there is trouble occasionally; notes are allowed to go to protest, and when the maker is sued by the holder he generally transfers his custom forevermore to a rival dealer.

—A prominent firm in the west who neglected to remit when due, respond as follows to an open notice recently sent them in common with a few others:—"Your last appeal has nearly broken our hearts, and we feel indeed that the time has NOW come. Of course we would have preferred a further extension of time, extending over several months, if not years, but our "noblest sentiments" being touched, we feelingly respond, and enclose \$4. We remain yours, better late than never." H. & Co.

—The coolness with which many persons nowadays set about swindling the mercantile community is probably an outgrowth of the Insolvent Act. The man who gets a settlement at 25 cents in the dollar, no matter what the

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circumstances have been, is looked upon by the non-trader as possessed of an unfair advantage in society, and many are tempted to lessen the difference from their point of view. During the last few days several drafts on "Baylis, Wilkes & Co." have been received at two or three banks in this city. There is no such firm in this city, but the name so closely resembles that of the Baylis-Wilkes Manufacturing Company that the difference was not easily perceived by those who were the victims of the swindle. It appears that a man who calls himself in one place "G. C. Wright," and in another place goes by the name of "Roberts," has been operating lately among carriage and cabinet makers in the vicinity of St. Thomas and Aylmer, Ontario. His plan has been to write letters to himself on paper bearing the imprint "Baylis, Wilkes & Co., 220 and 222 St. Paul Street, Montreal," authorizing him to take orders for goods at reduced prices, and to draw upon the supposed writers for sums of \$50 as he might require for travelling expenses. There is no such numbers in St. Paul street as those given. The writing is as that of a young man recently from a Commercial College. Several drafts for \$50 have already arrived.

—The case of the Dominion Paper Co. vs. the London Mutual Boiler Insurance Co., referred to in our last issue, was decided by Judge Armour in favor of the plaintiffs last Wednesday, at Perth, Ontario, the defendants to pay costs and interest also. This, we understand, is the first case of loss sustained by any Boiler Insurance Company doing business in Canada, and it is somewhat unfortunate that it should have been deemed desirable to resist payment.