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THE Phoenix Insurance Company of Brooklyn, U. S., have deposited \$50,000 with the Dominion government, and obtained a license to transact the business of fire and inland marine insurance in Canada.

RECENT insolvencies include Elzear Marvis long a grocer in Quebec; J. H. Patterson, dry goods dealer, Ottawa, who owes \$15,000, and cannot find the wherewith to meet it; Matthew Ferguson, shoemaker, Moncton, N. B.; R. McKean & Co., tailors, St. John, N. B.; E. T. Kyle, small family grocer, in Montreal; B. W. Shaw, general dealer, Simcoe; and Henry A. White, of Montreal, a wine and tea dealer on a considerable scale.

A SECOND session of the Lumber and Timber Association was held in Ottawa, Oct. 7th. A resolution was adopted in opposition to the proposed compulsory system of culling sawn lumber on the ground that "it would be cumbersome and without any particular beneficial result." Another resolution affirmed the desirability of abolishing the present rotation system as regards the employment of cullers of timber, and that the fees ought to be reduced one-half. This would still leave the cullers office self-sustaining.

LOCAL paragraphs and counter paragraphs are spicing the Montreal papers with relation to the recent absconding from that City of one Hart, a maker of caps, who was accounted a pretty smart fellow generally, and who bought and sold for cash, and employed about 30 or 40 hands. So long as he stuck to making caps for the trade he made money, but in an evil day he "did wrong that good might come," in going out of his sphere to buy, or become security for an old stock of Dry Goods for a relative named Wissberg on St. Joseph st. The Dry Goods shop did not pay; Hart did not like the pros-

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pect of things, and three weeks ago left the Dominion, and is now in Rochester. Certain creditors of Hart are blamed by others for having, on the eve of the absconding quietly secured goods and cash for \$4,000, on a claim of \$3,200, by ways that were dark; and Mr. Hart, testifying from his serene retreat at Rochester, corroborates this. Meantime a writ has been issued, and a committee of creditors are eliciting what they can about the alleged sharp practice.

ANOTHER modern, very modern merchant has awakened to the fact that it is not the simplest thing in the world to run a business; this time it is a Montreal jobbing Grocer and Liquor dealer, Mr. Henry A. White. The firm of White & Ryan began business in November 1873, on a trifling sum at risk of business. Ryan left in May, 1874, no richer than he joined; he had known a little about selling goods, but the other knew less, and though he talked of having many thousands of dollars in the concern, and was known to have rich connections, he could not stand the pressure of a suit for five hundred dollars, and assigned *instantly*. Natural causes we guess:—inexperience, overtrading, unwise crediting. That this merchant had some qualities or prospects entitling him to success, is (or ought to be) attested by the fact that some sensible houses are heavily in with him; but these qualities do not seem to have had time to develop in his brief career of eleven months business.

—The Water Committee of the Montreal City Council has awarded to J. P. Whelan & Co. the contract for completing the reservoir and constructing the high-level reservoir; the latter will cost about \$20,000, apart from the engine, &c. The whole contract will amount to some \$260,000.

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We beg to inform our customers and the Trade generally, that we have removed to our

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**OIL MATTERS IN PETROLIA.**

(From our own Correspondent.)

PETROLIA, Oct. 7, 1874.

Very little doing here with the exception of the producers attempt to form a ring to checkmate the Refiners' Association; they are trying to do their best, but the season is too nearly over for them to manage it this time. Crude about the same, from 75 to 80c. Nothing to note in developments, and very little differences in shipments—the great talk at present being how to defeat the Refiners' ring. There is nothing of any movement to note in the United States markets which, like our own, is dull for every thing connected with oil.

**Insurance.**

Kingston, Sept. 25.—A fire broke out in Ford's Tannery, the main building was consumed. It is estimated that the loss will exceed \$40,000. Insurance on building and contents for \$15,000 in the Queen, Imperial, London Corporation, and British America Companies.

Ridgetown, Sept. 24.—The hotel occupied by J. T. Coffee, was consumed, also Jas. Mitton's dwelling house. Mr. Coffee was insured in the Western for \$500; loss about \$1,000. Mitton was insured in the Niagara Mutual for \$600 on house, furniture at \$100. His loss is about \$2,000.

Clifton, Sept. 30.—A fire destroyed Mr. Street's Mills at Niagara Falls. Loss estimated at \$40,000.

Elma, Sept.—The saw mill owned by Mr. Williams, on the 12th con. of Elma, was totally destroyed, loss estimated at about \$20,000.

Bathurst, N. B., Sept. 28.—A fire consumed a house occupied by a man named Degross. Loss \$400; no insurance.

Windsor, Sept. 29.—A fire broke out in Sandwich in an old frame building belonging to Mrs. Green, and occupied by two families. Loss \$700; insurance, \$500. The fire extended to Henderson's grocery and dwelling house and also to a dwelling owned by Mrs. Henderson, and occupied by two families. Loss, about