

WM. BIRD, a Toronto grocer, has got into difficulty and assigned.

THE town of St. Boniface, Manitoba, is giving a \$10,000 bonus to a boot and shoe factory, which will employ a large number of hands.

N. S. TARR, for the past twenty odd years in the Berlin wool and fancy goods business in Ottawa, has got behind, and is reported to be offering his creditors 40 cents cash.

A FIVE per cent. dividend is to be paid to the creditors of the Green, Warlock & Co. bank, inside of the next 20 days. This statement is made by one of the assignees to the Vancouver World.

AMERICAN carpets are being sold in England. They are the cheapest grade of ingrain, made almost entirely of cotton. They are sold in England because they can be made more cheaply than English goods of similar grades.

D. M. RICHARDS & Co., hardware dealers, Charlottetown, P.E.I., have assigned. The firm only dates from 1893, beginning on small capital. The liabilities, partly preferred, are stated at \$8,000, with assets apparent of \$7,200.

A CHARTER is being sought for the Imperial Brush Company of Montreal, authorized capital to be \$140,000. The provisional directors are to be Hon. A. Desjardins, R. Forget, Joseph S. Bousquet, Hormisdas Laporte and R. Bickerdike.

THE Myrtle House is the name of a summer hotel at Digby, N.S., one of the pretty spots on the Bay of Fundy. It has been renovated throughout, and can accommodate 50 persons. A new summer hotel is one of the probabilities for next year.

GOVERNOR MORTON has just signed a bill enacted by the New York Legislature which provides that free baths shall be maintained in New York city throughout the entire year; that they shall be open at least fourteen hours daily; and that both hot and cold water shall be supplied.

THE estate of A. Landreau, grocer, Renfrew, Ont., who became insane through an accident several weeks ago, has been put into insolvency. His wife owns the real estate, and files a claim of some \$900 for rent and money loaned her husband. She offers the other creditors 20 cents on the dollar.—Barsalow & Whitehall, plumbers, at Brockville, have made an assignment. Barsalow was previously unsuccessful.

THE new steamer "Northland," sister ship to the "Northwest," of the Great Northern Railroad line, is to carry 442 cabin and 211 steerage passengers, and a crew of 150 men. She will run between Buffalo, Cleveland, Mackinaw and Duluth. She cost about \$750,000.

THE S.S. "Campana," owned by Smith & Keighley, now in Toronto harbor, is to take the place of the S.S. "Miramichi" on the route between Pictou and Montreal this year. She is a twin screw steamer of 1,300 tons, having first-class accommodation for 100 cabin passengers.

HANTSPOUT is now an incorporated town, and the councillors elected are J. E. Stevens, S. H. Mitchener, Charles Davison, Capt. T. A. Masters, H. W. Sweet and Horatio Parker. There are two nominees for the mayoralty, W. A. Porter and William Whitman. Election to take place to-day.

THE fifth annual meeting of the British Columbia Fruit Canning and Coffee Company was held at Vancouver on 16th inst. After writing off bad and doubtful debts and making allowance for depreciation of plant, a good balance of profit on the year's business was shown. It was resolved to increase the output this year.

THREE shipbuilders at Parrsboro, N.S., have schooners in the frame; there is one at Board Landing, one at Fox River, one at Port Greville, to be launched about 1st May, and one at Spencer's Island. H. Elderkin & Co. have a large barquentine and two schooners on the stocks, all of which will be launched this summer.

HENRI DUVERGER, dry goods jobber, Montreal, is unable, apparently, to complete his compromise arrangement, for he has assigned at the demand of La Banque du Peuple. The schedule filed shows a direct indebtedness of \$28,000; indirect, to La Banque du Peuple \$19,000, La Banque Jacques Cartier \$13,100.

THE iron steamer "Campana," which left Toronto yesterday in tow of the tug "Petrel" for Kingston dry dock, will there be cut in two by the Collins Bay Rafting Company and towed down the canals to Montreal. She is to be fitted out in that harbor and to take the route between that port and Pictou, N.S., in the interest of the Gulf Ports Steamship Co., who purchased the vessel to replace the "Miramichi," which has been on the route for nearly twenty years.

METALLIC covering for the sides, as well as the roofs of buildings, is found to be desirable as protection from the weather, as well as from fire. We hear that the Metallic Roofing Company, of Toronto, has sold to the Ogilvie Milling Company, covering of the kind for thirty grain elevators in Manitoba and the North-West Territories. This is no small order, for it implies upwards of 200 tons of siding and roofing.

THE success of Hamilton's first electric radial railway, the Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville, has been remarkable. A statement of the business of the road for the six months ending April 20th, shows that the road carried 69,851 passengers, which is nearly 400 per day, and the freight business shows a decided growth. The road has distinctly benefited the trade of Hamilton, according to the testimony of some of its merchants.

THE effects of W. H. Ferguson, dealer in fuel, ice, etc., at Portage-la-Prairie, have been sold under the power of a chattel mortgage. Previous to this, a number of judgments had been obtained against him.—The property of the Whitewood Milling Co., Whitewood, Man., is advertised for sale by the sheriff.—Morley Gilroy, livery stable keeper, at Moosomin, Assa., has had his effects disposed of by the bailiff under a chattel mortgage.

C. J. ROBSON, a New Westminster, B.C., fruit dealer, who did a snug and prosperous business there for years, now finds that he has entirely too large an amount invested in real estate, and makes an assignment. He owes \$3,000 to general creditors. This does not include real estate liabilities.—Late last year the British Columbia Plumbing and Heating Co., of Vancouver, purchased the business of W. G. Warren. At that time they had a capital of \$2,500. We already hear of their assignment.—In the same city Welsh & Nightingale, grocers, have freely granted credit, and as they cannot realize on their outstandings, they are obliged to ask an extension of time.

BELOW we note several small Montreal failures: C. H. Budd, doing a men's furnishing business, has filed consent to assign, owing \$3,100.—J. F. Long, a shoemaker, has also assigned, with liabilities of \$700.—J. Hemond & Co., saloon, propose paying 25 cents, cash, on debts of \$1,000.—J. Borduas, who started a small haberdashery business last fall, on \$500 of borrowed capital, has been unable to make

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