

THE Caledonia company's gold mine mills at Molega, Queen's county, N.S., were burned last week. A portion of the machinery was saved. The mills and machinery were valued at \$15,000, and were insured in W. L. Lowell and Co's agencies for \$8,000.

C. G. GRAHAM, of Marathon, Ont., was a farmer, and after one year's experience as a clerk, began business in the spring of 1889 with about \$2,000, proceeds from the sale of a farm. He is now unable to pay his engagements, and his creditors met in Ottawa last week. He shows a nominal surplus of \$1,000 over liabilities of about \$2,000.

THE St. Thomas Times says that James N. Henry, the produce dealer who ran away from Chatham the other day, and beat his creditors, did the same thing some twenty years ago, when he was a store-keeper in St. Thomas. It wonders how he ever got into credit again. So would any one who does not know how cheap mercantile credit is held in Canada.

THE Port Hope Guide of last week has the following enthusiastic notice, aroused by the fact that the editor saw a large shipment going to Goldie & McCulloch, Galt, a day or two since, of "Spooner's Copperine," a production of "our town. It's the metal above all other metals, and this settles it. There will not be a hot box for miles around Galt as long as the copperine holds out."

J. E. TURGEON, another Sherbrooke grocer, has assigned; he was a property holder and considered at one time doing very fairly.—J. B. Plamondon, a very small general dealer at St. Louis de Bonsecour, has been put into insolvency by F. & J. Leclaire, of Montreal; liabilities only \$942.—A. & A. Prefontaine, grocers, bakers, &c., at Beloeil, who succeeded to the business of their father within the year, have been asked to assign by a Montreal grocery house. They are said to owe \$5,480, \$2,600 of which is a mortgage liability.

GEO. NAULT, formerly a hotel-keeper, engaged in general store business at River Desert, Que., about three years ago. For this occupation he was unfitted, through lack of experience and education, and his assignment is now hardly a surprise. Liabilities are \$5,119.—A general dealer at Richmond, near Ottawa, John McDonald, has assigned, and it is thought the estate will be wound up. Liabilities, \$3,000.—McCormick & Taylor, carrying on a dyeing establishment at Brockville, are reported in trouble, and owe \$10,100, showing \$14,000 nominal assets, but largely depreciable.

THE Chown & Cunningham Company, manufacturers of stoves at Kingston, has closed down for stock-taking. On Saturday night the men were told that after January 1st union rules would not be recognized; the men would be engaged as individuals, but the company would control its own establishment.

A QUEBEC haberdasher named E. Bergerin has assigned on demand. He had been mixed up with L. A. Bergerin, who failed a year or so ago. He owes about \$2,900.—A milliner in the same city, Mrs. J. Levesque, has assigned owing about \$1,000. She had been reported slow and unsatisfactory in payments for some time.

WE observe the financial embarrassment of J. S. Prince, a large furniture dealer on the instalment plan at Montreal. A meeting of creditors was held a few days ago, when he offered 35 cents on the dollar. He owes \$16,000, assets estimated at about \$19,000, in which are not included some \$12,000 of bad and doubtful debts.

HERE is a case that looks like hard luck: J. B. Quevillon came from the United States with \$3,600 about eighteen months ago, and engaged in the grocery trade at Coaticook, Que. He sank most of this in a building, which was burned a few weeks ago, and he has had to go to his creditors for indulgence, his insurance being about swallowed up by the mortgage. He owes about \$6,000, and has settled at 45 cents on the dollar.

HENRY FAIRFIELD, originally a farmer and more recently a hotel keeper at Clarenceville and Stanbridge Station, Que., has assigned to the court.—E. R. Bellerose, who began a small grocery and dry goods business in the outskirts of Sorel, some four years ago, has failed, owing about \$1,200.—A St. Hyacinthe tinsmith named E. Lajore, who succeeded his father in 1886, has not been able to hold the good position his progenitor left him in, and has assigned.

WHEN C. J. Orchard, of Petrolia, became of age, his kind mother gave him \$800. With this sum he started across the boundary and had what is called "a good time." When he returned he started a confectionery business, and with his free and easy disposition it is not surprising that he should fail.—T. G. Dorland began grocery business at Wellington with some money he obtained from his father. He did not keep it long; he has just assigned.—J. A. Saul, speculative builder in this city, has made an assignment.—Andrew Malcolm, a cheese maker at Lake Dauphin, Man., has

assigned.—Some time ago we noted the failure of J. J. Daley, dealer in fancy goods. Now his stock has been bought by the assignee.

JOHN LARMONTH & Co., quite extensively engaged in the manufacture of threshing machines, &c., at Montreal, have been served with a demand of assignment at the instance of the Masson Manufacturing Co., of Oshawa. The firm have been feeling the lack of active capital for some time past, owing to recent poor seasons among the farmers and the wretched system of long credits for implements. Their liabilities are stated at \$31,000 direct, \$37,900 indirect.

THE failure of this week in Ontario are mostly unimportant. Among them are the following: A. J. McClellan, general store-keeper, Alton, in business about four years, has assigned. Previous to this he had been farming.—At Claremont, N. Burton has made a living for years by harness-making, but latterly he has been losing ground and now assigns.—B. Billington, a dealer in tinware, at Little Current, has not been able to make "ends meet" and has assigned.—Although George T. Simpson has been steady and attentive to business, he has not been able to make a success of it. We note his assignment.

THE daily papers have announced the assignment of Messrs. John Elliott & Son, farm implement manufacturers, London. Although the firm is heavily involved, the announcement of assignment was, up to Wednesday last, premature. The firm owes its banker over \$350,000, and claims a nominal surplus of \$200,000. In this surplus, however, quite a large item is balances due from agents. Owing to the stringency of the money market, the firm has decided to liquidate the business. A new firm will, we understand, take over some of the assets, including their celebrated Warrior binder and other implements that have been in good demand, and will continue the old business, which has been successfully conducted for about forty years.

IN a paper on fruit culture and consumption by Mr. Pettit, of Grimsby, it is stated that the home consumption of fruit in Canada within the past ten years has increased enormously. In 1879, \$11,057 was the value of importations of fruit into Canada; in 1889 they amounted to \$619,519, which is more than fifty-fold. Increase in the urban population meant an increased consumption of fruit. The rural population of Ontario was 1,128,889 in 1879, while in 1889 it was 1,135,845—an

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