

Away out West, Crawford & Robertson, general store-keepers at Indian Head, have assigned, thus ending an unsuccessful struggle to take advantage of an extension of time granted awhile back.—A meeting of the creditors of Mrs. M. A. Russell, hotel-keeper and grocer at Morris, was held on the 18th instant, when an extension of time was granted. She is the wife of W. A. Russell, who failed in 1883 with liabilities of \$15,000. The business, in the present instance, is said to have been badly managed.

We observe that Mr. T. C. Struthers, a general dealer at Russelltown Flats, Que., has just made an abandonment of his estate. He began business several years ago on his own account, with a fair capital and good prospects, and his non-success may be attributed largely

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to lack of attention to his regular business, and a desire to dabble in outside petty speculations which universally proved unprofitable. He owes about \$6,000, divided among nearly one hundred creditors, which is three times too many.

For many years, nearly forty, we believe, Henry Carlisle did business, as a dry goods merchant, in St. Catharines, and he built up a fine trade and an excellent reputation. Since his death Messrs. Carlisle Bros. & Co., his successors, have removed into their handsome new premises. It is one of the finest retail establishments in the province, artistically fitted up on the American plan, and the various departments have all the recent devices for facilitating business, such as patent cash system, millinery and display rooms, tailoring cutting rooms, each floor being devoted to a separate department of their extensive business. The store on the ground floor is lighted by circular gas jets running all round and presents, when lighted, a cheerful and bright appearance. The carpet department is in the old stand on Ontario St.

An example of the vicissitudes of business is that of J. A. Hatfield, of Yarmouth, N. S. This gentleman was, a few years ago, esti-

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mated to be worth over \$100,000, which was made in shipbuilding and shipowning. Going into the West India trade in the firm of Hatfield, Kinney & Co., he sunk a good deal of money; then he tried gold mining enterprises, which did not turn out well, finally the collapse of Esson & Co., of Halifax, gave the coup de grace to the whole business. Enterprise is a good thing, but it is possible to have too much of it.

A STATEMENT has been issued by the directors to the shareholders of the Nova Scotia Steel Co. that the operations of the company for the year ending with July, 1888, have netted \$32,868, and that eight per cent. dividends will be paid the holders of preferential and common stock. The new works are well under way and supplementary letters patent have been issued increasing the capital to a million of dollars, also changing the name of the company to the Nova Scotia Steel and Forge Company. The enterprise is an important one, and we trust to see it succeed.

WHAT is meant by a moss litter company does not appear readily without some explanation. We learn, however, upon reading with some care an item in the St. John Sun, that Messrs. R. Wisely, W. B. Wallace, and G. C. Carman of Musquash, N. B., W. W. Street of New York, and T. C. Wallace of New Jersey, are incorporated as "The Moss Litter Co.," with \$200,000 capital. Their main business will be to acquire, by purchase, lease, or otherwise, the right of securing, raising, getting, and working of mosses and lichen; the right to prepare, manufacture, ship, deal in mosses and lichen for litter and other purposes; the right to buy and sell merchandise, and to carry on a general business in mosses and lichen, with all powers incident thereto."

A WEEK ago an auction sale of some three thousand packages of blankets was held at a New York auction room, by order of a Worth street house, when the amount realized was upward of \$500,000. The prices for staple goods were fair, but most of the goods offered were odd widths and weights, and went very low. Staple whites brought about 7½ per cent. under asking prices, and blue and scarlet twills respectively 7½ and 5 per cent. Scarlet, white, and blue shakers were sold at fully asking prices. The odd goods were sold mostly to shirt manufacturers, while the large jobbers bought most of the staples. The attendance was large. Among the chief buyers were H. B. Claflin & Co. and Dunham, Buckley & Co., of New York; Marshall, Field & Co. and J. V. Farwell & Co., of Chicago; Jordan, Marsh & Co., of Boston; Hood, Bonbright & Co., of Philadelphia.

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