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MESSRS. English Bros., contractors, Strathroy, Ont., have erected another saw-mill at Wallaceburg, of considerable capacity; it will be in operation in a few days. The Messrs. English have latterly completed several large contracts for the different railways, giving employment to a large number of men.

THE wholesale stock of fancy goods of the late firm of C. Stuebing & Co., Berlin, Ont., was sold by tender last week to Messrs. L. J. Breithaupt and J. M. Staebler of that town at 58c on the dollar, or an aggregate sum of \$47,-500, -the stock being valued at \$82,000. It is expected that the estate will pay 50c to 60c on the dollar of the liabilities, and that this oldestablished business will be continued by the purchasers of the stock.

Mr. S. W. Shibley, of Strathroy, Ont., lately in partnership with Mr. Johnston, has opened a new store on Front street, Mr. Shibley, who has had considerable experience in the grocery business, has named his store "The Pantry."-Messrs. Brown Bros., of Strathroy, manufacturers of pottery ware, have just completed the erection of a large kiln. It is a large substantial building, with all the latest scientific improvements, thus facilitating the transaction of their large and growing business.

A WESTERN contemporary, who has recently stretched himself an inch or two, without any corresponding breadth or bulk, is nevertheless yet occasionally mistaken for the Journal of Leading Wholesale Trade of Montreal.



COMMERCE. Mr. S. C. H. Miner, of Granby, P. Q., writes us this week in contradiction of a statement published in the contemporary referred to but credited to us, that the Granby Rubber Factory had suspended work. Our correspondent concludes: "The works have been operated stendily and constantly since they were originally started, and we have plenty of work."

THE Hochelaga Bank has entered an action contesting the Sheriff's sale of the Pioneer Beet Root Sugar Company's premises to the Eastern Townships Bank, on the alleged ground that the sale was not a bona fide one. It is stated that the sum realized by the sale was \$25,000, about one-tenth of the original cost of erecting the establishment, and much below its estimated value. It is expected that some interesting facts in connection with the sale and previous management of the bankrupt estate may be brought to the surface by ventilation in the Court.

A. B. McLEAN, storekeeper at Newington. Ont., has been recently sued by several creditors, and his general store stock, amounting to some \$4,000, is advertised for sale by the sheriff. An endeavor was made to secure a settlement, but, owing to seizures made by other creditors, the arrangements failed .- A. J. Cummings, of Warina, Ont., general storekeeper, was recently burnt out stock, books, money, everything-and being unable to meet his engagements, is seeking some indulgence from his creditors. Moral; keep well insured in good standard companies.

A MEETING of the general freight agents of Canada was held at the Windsor Hotel in this city during the week, at which representatives of all the leading railroads in Canada were present. The object of the meeting was to consider the best means of arranging for a uniform classification of freight throughout the Dominion. A sub-committee was appointed, but they adjourned without action, to meet in Belleville 24th inst. Meanwhile they will communicate with the Canada Southern, the Interco-Ionial, the New Brunswick, the International, and the P. E. Railway companies, which were not represented at the meeting, in order that a fully representative meeting may be held in August, when the sub-committee will report progress.

J. W. BANFIELD, tailor, Cornwall, Ont., who has enjoyed good credit for some years, and was supposed to be doing a good business, finds that he has sunk all his means in the erection of two houses, to be designated "Frogmore Lodge," and is now asking the assistance of his creditors. He owes about \$7,500, and has assets estimated as follows: stock, \$75; book-debts, \$150, and the houses above referred to, and estimated worth about \$6,000, with a first mortgage upon them for \$3,000. He asks an extension of two years, in quarterly payments, without interest, secured by a second mortgage on the houses; as it appears a case of Hobson's choice, the creditors seem disposed to grant the extension.

THE census of Canada shows 5,890 saw mills as in operation in 1881, which includes everything entitled to the dignity of being called a saw mill. The location of provinces is as follows: Ontario 1,761, Quebec 1,729, Nova Scotia 1,190, New Brunswick 470, Prince Edward Island 165, Manitoba 37, British Columbia and the Territories 27. The numbers employed were as fo lows: In Ontario 16,846, Quebec 12,461, New Brunswick 7,175, Nova Scotia 4,160, Prince Edward Island 419, British Columbia 404, and in the Northwestern Territories 44. The yearly wages aggregated \$-,146,996, the value of raw material was estimated at \$20,-798,389, and of the products at \$38,599,652. The value of the output of the shingle mills was \$766,994, of which more than one-half was from Unturio.