

MR. STEPHEN NAIEN, formerly of Toronto, has arrived in Winnipeg, and proposes, says the *Sun*, erecting and running an oatmeal mill in that city.

THE Toronto firm of Barber & Co., manufacturers' agents, have made an assignment to Mr. William Robins, of Robins Brothers. The liabilities, outside of the Bank of Montreal, are not large.

MR. DRINKWATER states that the Canadian Pacific Railway disposed of 65,000 acres of land in May last. The sales for the same month last year were 1,600 acres, while the total sales for the past year were 33,000. Tracklaying has begun on the summit of the Rockies, we are told.

MR. W. H. DUFFIELD, of the firm of W. E. Sanford & Co. Hamilton, died on Wednesday last after being ill only a few days of rheumatic fever, he was, says the *Spectator*, in the prime of life, a sound shrewd business man, of retiring disposition but generous and philanthropic impulses.

MR. ALEX. BUNTIN, of Montreal, has evidently been better advised, and replaced the \$10,000 withdrawn from the Exchange Bank after its suspension. As a director of the bank he placed himself in a wrong position, and the above step was the only course open to him.

OWING to the death of Mr. Chas. R. Haswell, in France, whither he had gone for his health, it is reported that the firm of H. Haswell & Co., wholesale druggists, Montreal, will probably go into liquidation. They are now preparing a statement, and it is expected that all liabilities will be paid in full.

THE British Canadian Lumber Company's logs which were offered for sale by the receiver of the company some time ago, were purchased by Mr. E. B. Eddy last week. The total number of pieces was 140,000. They will be cut up at Ottawa this season for the New York market.

THE La Prairie firm of St. Marie & St. Yores, bakers, against whom a *capias* for \$1,200 was issued last week at the suit of Messrs. Brossard, Chaput & Co., have since assigned.—Andre Bourgue, of St. Clet, Que., a general storekeeper in a moderate way, who was unsuccessful, and compromised in 1873, is again in trouble, and has assigned to Kent & Turcotte, of Montreal.

THE Manitoba & North-West Railway Co. give notice in the *Canada Gazette*, that it has deposited with the Secretary of State on the 14th May a mortgage dated 1st December, 1883, for bonds covering £4,100 per mile; and on the 16th May a mortgage reducing the charge to £3,000 per mile; and on 28th May a deed dated 1st March securing interest on the two issues respecting the first 80 miles of road.

THE candor of the *Winnipeg Sun* in writing a mining paragraph is an exception to the way in which such paragraphs are usually put. Says that journal "A tremendous haul was made last week by a miner at the Selkirk range. He washed out \$3,900 in gold and \$420 in silver. For the benefit of intending emigrants, it may be well to say that this is not an average week's profits. About \$7 a day is the figure; expenses, \$3; profits, \$4; risks, an unknown quantity."

THE Standard Customs Tariff of Canada, compiled and published by Rae & Watson, Customs brokers &c. is a very handy little book for the Canadian importer. It contains in addition to the Tariff as now amended and certain sections of the Customs Act, lists of Customs ports, exports and preventive stations, interest and exchange tables, values of German, Austrian and Dutch coins, equivalents of French kilogrammes &c. By registering at the publishers' office 22 Church Street, Toronto, purchasers of the book can secure a bulletin of such alterations as may hereafter be made.

In a suit of C. J. Palin against R. H. Reid for the value of a trunk said to have been lost in defendant's hotel, and for which no check was given. The court below appear to have held that it was gross negligence on the part of the hotel-keeper not to have produced the trunk when it was called for, but the full Court of Appeal reversed this decision on the facts of the case being presented. Moral:—Get your baggage checked at the hotel as well as at the railway station.

ACCORDING to returns received by the Boston Post from 26 leading clearing houses in the United States, the aggregate clearings last week amounted to \$725,668,075, against \$912,373,701 for the previous week; a decline of twenty per cent. In the like week of last year the clearings show a decrease of 11.8 per cent. Furthermore, says the New York *Shipping List* of Wednesday: "In view of the depressed and unsatisfactory condition of home trade and manufacturing industries, the development of our foreign trade and commerce is not encouraging."

CHAS. E. MIDDLEMAS, in business at Caledonia, N. S., as a general dealer since 1879 has failed and assigned. He did fairly well for a time, but falling into unsteady, inattentive habits about a year ago, his affairs got into bad shape, with the above result.—Obadiah Barteaux of Nictaux Fall, N. S., who has been slow pay for some time past, judgments being recorded against him, has assigned to J. H. Morse. Liabilities \$2,000 to \$3,000.—O. H. Glavin, of Westport, N. S., a general dealer in a limited way, has assigned. His liabilities are small, principally local, and in Halifax.

UNDER the familiar Falstaffian caption of "One half penny-worth of bread," there appears in the New York *Evening Post*, of Tuesday last, the following letter addressed to the editor:

"SIR: In your published statement of Ferdinand Ward's (Grant & Ward) liabilities, the items due to Parks & Tilford, Acker, Merrill and Condit, and the clubs for wines, etc., amount to \$556.73, while for bread tickets the amount is \$5. It would be of great service to such clubs as we are if you could tell us what Ward did with so much bread!

DWIGHT-WIMAN FISHING CLUB.
New York, June 2.

JOHN MCINTOSH, grocer, of Windsor, who has been in business rather less than a year, is reported as having left the neighborhood, leaving a considerable sum in unpaid bills.—Hoch Brothers succeeded their father in the black-smithing business at Sebringville, and are already said to have left the country. The creditors will probably find but a slender dividend forthcoming.—In Elora, Robt. Mitchell has done a saddlery business for some sixteen years, and appears to have always paid his bills until recently. The sheriff is now, however in possession.—A grocer at Calgary, J. B. Thomas, has proved slow in meeting his payments, and creditors desire a receiver appointed for his estate. To this Mr. Thomas objects and is likely to assign.

THE failure of Mr. R. C. Bothwell, dealer in fancy goods in this city, is one which may fairly be accounted for by "natural causes." His business, established some twenty years, has not kept pace with the times and the growth of the city; and he has fallen behind in payments, owing now some forty odd creditors, a large number for a comparatively small business. Besides these, he has an unpaid endorsement, and owes the balance of a church subscription of an amount which should not have been incurred by a person of his limited resources. His assets are about \$10,000, and his liabilities do not greatly exceed that amount. An assignment

has been made.—C. Carter, a Toronto baker, having gone behind in payments was lately sued by a creditor. It is said that he has so disposed of his goods that nothing of moment is left available.—The Ontario Railway Supply Co. had a capital of \$27,000 which was assigned to Lieut. Col. Shaw, for his car patent. Failing to induce railways to purchase these largely, it has been decided to wind up the concern.

MR. R. J. Short has just returned from the far west, where he has been superintending the construction of barbed wire fences around the Canadian Pacific Railway experimental farms. He reports the farms looking excellently, with wheat, oats, barley and peas above ground and growing luxuriantly.

HAMILTON possesses two of the best daily newspapers in Canada, the *Spectator* and the *Times*. The former was established nearly forty years ago (1846) and to-day is to be congratulated on its removal into commodious premises on the west side of James Street, consisting of the substantial stone building erected by Mr. Richard Jenson for an iron warehouse, and used afterwards by Mr. Wm. McGiverin and and Mr. John Proctor for a like purpose. An engraving of the building appears in the Tuesday issue of the *Spectator*, and a description of the rise and progress of that journal occupies some eight columns. The G. N. W. Telegraph Co. occupies one third the building, 26x84 feet, three stories, and its offices are fitted up with due regard to the convenience of the public and the health of its employees. Pneumatic tubes, electric bells, vaults, a laboratory and other facilities for prompt despatch and careful handling have been provided, and the whole arrangements reflect credit upon Mr. Black, the popular telegraph manager in that city.

A recent number of the *Electrical Review* contains an article on the electrical transmission of power, in which the prediction is made that "it is only a question of a short time when the distribution of power by electricity will become general." An interesting illustration of such transmission is given as follows: "In the month of November, 1883, one day about 11.50 A. M., the engine running the Chicago factory broke down completely, the piston rod becoming disengaged from the crosshead, smashing things around generally. No sooner was the situation taken in than a 30-horsepower generator was put in place so as to be driven by the independent engine, which is only used for testing machines and lamps, but not at all in communication with the shafting of the factory; a second machine or motor was placed in position so that from its pulley a belt was run to a pulley on the factory shaft. Two No. 6 wires were now run from generator to motor, and from motor back to generator; the generator was started by the testing engine, and immediately the motor which was belted to the main shaft driving the machinery started up, and was put at proper speed; all this was done in about thirty minutes, and at 12.30 P. M. the factory was running as usual, and this has lasted for over three weeks, until the engine had been repaired. During all this time, it is added, the power was perfectly steady, and no attention but a few drops of oil was required to the motor.

THE SENSE OF TOUCH.—They were in the grocery store. Said Brown (seeing a blind man about to enter): "Were you aware how delicate the touch of a blind man is? When nature deprives us of one sense she makes amends by bringing the other senses to extraordinary acuteness. Let me illustrate by this gentleman. I'll take a scoop of sugar and let him feel of it, and you see how quickly he'll tell what it is."