

of new accounts opened by depositors during the last six months being much larger than before.

THE Chicago *Journal* says that Chicago's streets are full of able bodied loafers, who pretend they "can't get any work to do," while all over the West are heard the complaints of the farmers that they are unable to secure help enough to harvest their crops, even by offering from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per day and board.

THE Canadian Bank of Commerce has issued a new \$5 bill, and in its description of it says: "Photo of the President, Hon. Wm. McMaster in the center, takes the place of the Queen." Now isn't this rather ungallant, not to say disloyal, in the Hon. Wm. ?—*Detroit Free Press*.

MR. FREEMAN PAYZANT, a lobster packer and shipper at Lockeport, N. S. has failed with considerable liabilities.—D. C. Kelly, of Yarmouth, ship owner, etc., is also in financial difficulty.—Anthony Rainey, trader, of Bathurst, has made an assignment.—A St. John dry goods dealer, Mr. J. Edgar Golding, has made an assignment.

A TAXIDERMIST has started business in Winnipeg. The latest definition of a taxidermist, says the *Winnipeg Free Press*, is "one who upholsters dead animals."

We note seventeen attachments since our last, nine of them in this province. Two are general dealers; Louis Barchand, of Roxton Road, and C. H. Gordon, of Herbert, Que.; three millers, Craig & Arnold, Teeswater, among them; two furniture dealers; a picture frame manufacturer, Mr. A. J. Pell, Montreal; and we regret to find an old established firm of ship brokers, Messrs. Dewolf & Powell, of Quebec.

THE embarrassment of the wholesale dry good house of D. McInnes & Co., is the most important among the matters now claiming attention in the commercial world. That heavy losses had impaired the capital of the house of late years was known, and also that, in common with other large importing houses, it had required indulgence in the depressed state of trade. When, in addition, the fire occurred, which is understood to have originated in the cellar of another firm, and caused the house a loss of perhaps \$100,000 on stock over insurance, besides deranging the whole season's trade, and destroying the beautiful warehouse, it was not to be wondered at that a suspension should be contemplated. The direct obligations are stated at \$365,000. The most largely interested bank is the Bank of Montreal; and although Mr. McInnes was Pres't of the Bank of Hamilton that institution is stated to be fully secured for any indebtedness of the firm. If it should be decided by Messrs. McInnes to resume the dry goods business, it will not be long before the energy and enterprise of the senior partner will again make itself felt, whether in Hamilton or here.

MR. ROBERT FORSYTH, well known as an extensive importer of marble and granite work, in Montreal and Toronto, has unfortunately met with a heavy loss by fire in his Montreal

premises, which has placed him in difficulty.—Messrs. Lugedin & Barnet, Yonge Street, of this city, have bought the saddlery stock of Mr. E. Bach, on King St., and meantime continue the two shops.—The wholesale confectionery business in London of Mr. T. McCormick, is now done under the style of the McCormick M'fg. Co.—A dissolution has taken place in the Halifax furniture firm of McEwan & Co., Mr. A. J. Smith retiring.

THE accounts given by visitors to that land of promise, Manitoba, are so generally favorable, not to say glowing, that one looks with almost surprise upon any intelligence of commercial trouble among merchants in that province. There is no longer a royal road to money-making in that land, however, without work and skill; and it is likewise true that well laid schemes 'may gang alee' even there. Mr. E. Shore, who went from this city some time ago, and established a store in Winnipeg and a saw mill on the lake of that name, and who was professedly in possession of considerable means, desires, it is said, an extension of time. We are not furnished with figures relating to his estate, but doubtless the creditors consulted will look into and learn for themselves the condition of affairs.

AMONG the Ontario assignments, which are not numerous this week, is that of J. G. Stead, a Brampton dry goods dealer, who failed several years ago, we think in 1876, and has again assigned. His creditors assemble on the 19th instant. Another retailer in the same line at Strathroy, Mr. James Noble, whose principal creditor is in London, has effected an arrangement at 48c in the \$, secured by A. Johnston, banker. A general dealer in Port Hope, Mr. J. L. Russell, stopped payment on the 1st inst. to consider ways and means. On the 11th, he offered 50c in the \$, spread over 14 months, but this offer was not accepted. A familiar name in the County of Waterloo is found this week among merchants attached: John Zoeger, Sr., of Wellesley Village, who has been in business there for twenty years. A meeting was called for yesterday of the creditors of Messrs. Taylor & Wilson, cigar manufacturers in this city, whose troubles have been precipitated by the stoppage of the Consolidated Bank. This firm obtained an extension in October, 1875, which we are told they paid, showing at that time surplus assets of something like \$17,000. Losses by bad debts have reduced this however, and they are unable to pay in full.

HAMILTON BOARD OF TRADE.—The annual meeting of the Hamilton Board of Trade was held on Monday last. The President, Mr. B. E. Charlton, presented the annual report, which was adopted. It made reference to the prospect of a good harvest, and an increase of trade by the opening of new manufactories, and contained expressions of regret and condolence with Messrs. D. McInnes & Co., and Sandford, Vail & Bickley for the loss sustained by them at the late fire. It also referred to the water works, conveying some suggestions to the City Council for improving the system. Officers were elected

as follows:—John Harvey, President; Alex. Turner, Vice-President; R. Benner, Secretary; David Gillies and Alex. Turner, Auditors.

Members of the Council—G. E. Tuckett, John Stuart, W. E. Sanford, Adam Brown, E. Gurney, James Stewart, Hon. I. Buchanan, A. T. Wood, S. E. Gregory, A. Harvey, Hon. Adam Hope, J. B. Fairgrieve, John I. Mackenzie, James Walker, H. B. Cockburn, James Turner, John Proctor, R. M. Wanzer, James Watson, and W. F. Findlay.

Board of Arbitration—C. J. Hope, F. P. Bickley, John Bell, Dennis Moore, J. W. Murton, Thomas H. Mackenzie, Alex. McInnes, Charles Cameron, J. C. McKeand, J. J. Mason, and Matthew Leggat.

Produce and Shipping Committee—J. B. Fairgrieve, S. E. Gregory, Wm. Osborne, and C. J. Hope.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, 13th August, 3 p.m.

Stocks.	Lowest Point in Week.	Highest Point in Week.	Total Transactions in Week.	Buyers.	Sellers.	Average Price, like Date, 1878.
Montreal	132½	133½	538	133½	134½	167
"	x.d.					
Ontario	58½	61	405	58½	60	80½
Consolidated		10	90	9	12½	74½
Peoples	39	44	195	43	44½	75
Molson	67	72	169	65	68	94
Toronto				108	111½	137½
Jacques Cartier		59	25	58½	59½	43
Merchants	71	74	1203	72½	73	93
Commerce	105½	107	169	106½	107½	111½
"	x.d.					
Union				57	60	
Hamilton						
Exchange						
Mon. Tel.	87	88½	688	88	88½	112½
"	x.d.					
Dom. Tel.						
Rich. & O. Nav.	42	42½	102	41	43	59
City Pass	80	81	310	70	80	
Gas	115½	116½	136	115½	117½	149
Eastern T's						
R. C. Ins. Co.				43	45	
Sterling Ex.						

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To My Customers and the Shoe Trade of Ontario:

I would say that owing to the FIRE IN MY FACTORY on the night of 16th July, I will not be able to fill all orders for three or four weeks, when I hope to be so far in working order again as to meet all the wants of my customers and friends in the Shoe Trade.

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