

It is stated that Mr. Geo. Sleeman has purchased the largest lager beer brewery in Berlin, and will take possession soon.

MR. GEORGE M. FLATER, of Chatham, we learn, has bought the tailoring stock of N. Wilson & Co., London, at 50 cents on the dollar. The stock was invoiced at \$4,459.72.

MAJOR LEVASSEUR, secretary of the Quebec Board of Trade, has been appointed Brazilian vice-consul at the port of Quebec, in place of Mr. Joseph Laird, who has resigned.

THEODORE KRAUSCH, of Buffalo, has invented an ice machine, which he claims has none of the dangerous features, and is known as the Frontier Krausch. The ice is made by means of ammonia.

THE Bank of Ottawa is having a building erected at Pembroke. It is to be three stories, 78 feet long and 33 feet wide. The first storey will be of Scotch red sandstone, the others of pressed brick with red sandstone trimmings.

THE Manitoba Government has issued a crop bulletin, showing the acreage of the province under crops to be as follows: Wheat, 1,003,640; oats, 388,529; barley, 114,762; potatoes, 12,387; roots, 20,919, making a total of 1,540,237. Besides this there is fallowed for crop, 274,588; fall plowed, 473,410.

H. F. SWITZER, insurance agent at Midland, has assigned to E. R. C. Clarkson. The cause of his trouble is dabbling too freely in real estate. Now he finds that he owes about \$11,000, and cannot pay ten per cent. We do not think that the creditors will receive a dividend. —A meeting of the creditors of Johnson, Beverage & Purvis, general dealers at Parry Sound, was held at the office of Henry Barber.

It was a happy thought of the authorities of the Niagara Falls Park and River Electric Railway to publish a neat illustrated folder of their route from Queenston to Chippawa. This shows, as if from a balloon, the course of that celebrated stream from the great cataract to the mouth—the rapids, the bridges, the whirlpool, Brock's monument, the heights of Queenston, and all the diversified landscape besides from Rochester to Lake Ontario. A more delightful trip can hardly be taken in these hot summer days than that from Toronto by the Niagara steamers to Queenston, thence by electric car to Chippawa, and thence, if you please, to Buffalo.

WILSON & Co., Chatham, have re-purchased their dry goods at 60 cents on the dollar.

THE Ontario Standard Oil Company has purchased the big refinery which has been unoccupied for some time at Sarnia. An inspection of it is now being made for the purpose of estimating the cost of putting it in shape.

THE Bank of Ottawa will erect a new building in Winnipeg, at an estimated cost of \$30,000. The block is to be of red brick, with brown stone front, three stories and a basement. The first floor will be used as the bank's premises, the basement and two upper stories as offices.

THE grocery stock of G. W. Prittie, Toronto, it advertised for sale on Tuesday next. —Guillett Bros., of Cobourg, have purchased the grocery stock of B. James at 67½ per cent. —The general stock of Mrs. E. A. Hardy of Bridgewater, realized 70 per cent. —The stationery stock of James Gamlin, at Woodstock, sold for 37½ per cent.

THREE by-laws were submitted on Wednesday last to the ratepayers of Hamilton. One proposed to bonus the Smelting Works enterprise, another the Hamilton, Grinsby and Beamsville Electric Railway Company, and the third the Central Fair Association. The first two mentioned were carried by considerable majorities, but the third was defeated.

EARLY in 1883 James H. Rogers started his son as a furrier in Winnipeg, and six years later he turned the establishment over to him with a stock of \$12,000, and real estate worth \$3,000 more. He did a good trade, but evidently did not make it sufficiently profitable to meet his heavy expenditure, consequently he has assigned. —A compromise has been made by James Rose, druggist, Winnipeg, at 30 per cent. He owed about \$3,000.

THE president of the Cleveland Cliffs Mining Company, whose mines were to be closed on 30th June, said: "We shut down because unable to dispose of our product at cost price. We cannot tell when we will resume." The Republic iron company of Cleveland shut down the Republic mine for sixty days. These mines employ thousands of men, and are practically the sole support of whole towns in the upper peninsula of Michigan. The proclamation of the American President did not come before it was needed.

CARL STROUSS and Edmund Bloomingdale, who for some time have carried on a wholesale dry goods business, at Victoria, as C. Strauss & Co., have dissolved partnership. E. Bloomingdale, we understand, will carry on the business under the old name.

THE biggest grain tow ever on the lakes is on its way from Duluth to Buffalo. It is Davidson's Scotch tow, consisting of the "City of Glasgow," "City of Aberdeen," "City of Paisley" and "City of Dundee," with 261,000 bushels of wheat.

A FIRM at St. Felix de Valois, Que., F. Gaudin & Co., doing business as general merchants and manufacturers of bricks, have been asked to assign by Messrs. A. Robitaille & Co., of Montreal, who up to this spring had been special partners in the firm.

THE embarrassment is announced of Thompson Bros., Prescott, one of the largest concerns operating in cheese, etc., in Eastern Ontario. No detailed statement of their affairs is yet available, but it is feared that the effects of their trouble will be far-reaching.

WE learn that Mr. G. A. Stimson, investment broker, Toronto, has purchased \$125,000 Consolidated Debt debentures of the city of Stratford, bearing 4½ per cent. interest, at 1½ per cent. premium. This may be considered a very good sale on the part of Stratford. The same dealer bought, at a premium of a trifle over 3 per cent. premium, some \$10,000 five per cent. twenty-year school debentures of the town of Merritton.

It is probably not more than five years since James Slade, dealer in provisions, etc., began business in this city. Through the stoppage of the Central Bank, he made a loss which he has not been able to recover, and now he assigns. —The failure of speculative builders in this city is not so frequent as they were a year ago. However, we hear that John Hudson has taken his departure across the border. —A similar case reported is that of J. L. Gamble, tailor, who failed last September, and has since carried on business in his wife's name. He owes his landlord and other creditors. We are told that there are no assets. —An offer of 20 per cent. is made to the creditors of G. E. Dalby, dealer in coal and wood, whose assignment we noted last week.

THE Keegan-Milne Co., a private partnership who have been doing a small electrical supply business in Montreal, have been served

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