

MR. GEO. A. STIMSON, of Toronto, has just purchased the \$5,000 town of Bowmanville debentures, given by way of bonus to the Dominion Organ and Piano Co., in that town. The debentures bear $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. interest, and are repayable in annual instalments.

R. S. ROBINSON, clothier, Stratford, assigned; W. F. Jones, dry goods, Belleville, consulting creditors; Mrs. Herrington, men's furnishings, Toronto, assigned; Maxwell Johnston & Co., printers, Toronto, chattel mortgage foreclosed; John Campbell, clothier, New Westminster, settled with creditors; Fred. Crake, jeweller, offering 50 per cent.

A FEW years ago J. A. Ross, who was formerly in the employ of his father, started a general store in Coboconk. He claimed, a year ago, to have a stock of \$2,000, and liabilities of only \$500. Now we hear of his assignment. — J. W. Cathcart, fancy goods dealer, Leamington, makes an assignment after being in business about a year. Last month he gave a chattel mortgage for \$3,700 to Susan Cathcart. — At a meeting of creditors of T. G. Foster & Co. and Foster & Pender, held at E. R. C. Clarkson's office, Thursday, inspectors were appointed and the meeting was adjourned until Monday next at 3 p.m.

It is ten years or more since John A. Gill started a general store at Assensippi, Man., with a capital of \$1,000. His statement showed a surplus of \$7,000 in 1892. Since the first of this year, however, he has been twice sued, and now we hear of his assignment. — At Medicine Hat, W. Watkins has a grocery. He is a very plausible man, with fair ability, but not sufficient for success, for we hear of his failure at Glen Williams, Ont. He assigns with liabilities of \$1,250, and nominal assets about half this sum.

A GREATLY improved showing is made by the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company. Their gross receipts, operating expenses, &c., for three years are thus tabulated:

	1894.	1893.	1892.
Gross receipts	\$696,015	\$618,569	\$633,571
Operating expenses	\$41,098	\$602,739	\$581,712

The percentage earned, net, on capital of \$1,350,000 was $11\frac{1}{2}$ in 1894, one-half per cent. in 1893, and $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. in 1892. The number of passengers carried was 797,646. Six per cent. dividend is declared, absorbing \$81,000, and \$43,280 is carried to surplus account.

A MEETING of the creditors of McSween & Russell, hardware dealers, Leamington, was

held in this city a fortnight ago. Since then the firm offered to pay 70 per cent. This offer is now under consideration. — In 1887, Downey & Co. were succeeded by Robinson & Co. as dry goods dealers at Napanee. Since this firm began business they have been controlled by a Montreal house, which has sued them; now they assign. — An assignment is made by D. W. Dulmage & Co., general dealers, Palmerston, who succeeded James Johnston & Co. in October, 1892. The stock, which amounted to \$4,000, was bought at 35 per cent. discount on a cash basis. After having a number of losses, they were obliged in September last to obtain an extension of time. This is followed with the result stated above.

A CASE which creates unusual interest in life assurance and other circles is the arrest of two brothers named Harry Place Hyams and Dallis Theodore Hyams, charged with the murder of

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William C. Wells, on the 6th January, 1893. The young man Wells was employed by the Hyams brothers, who then had a warehouse at Church and Colborne streets, Toronto. On the day in question, when it is said no one was in the warehouse but Harry Hyams and Wells, the latter was found dead at the foot of the elevator shaft, his head partly crushed by the weight, which, it is said, had accidentally fallen upon him. The brothers Hyams are now in Toronto gaol, and the body of Wells is to be exhumed. Harry P. Hyams is married to one of the two sisters of Wells. The insurance company that issued the policy on Wells' life at first demurred to pay, but after investigation paid the amount, some \$30,000, to the sister or her representatives. This precious pair of brothers have recently been in treaty for life assurance to the extent of \$200,000 or \$300,000 on the life of Harry's wife nee Wells. When she became aware of this she was alarmed, and little wonder, and left her husband.

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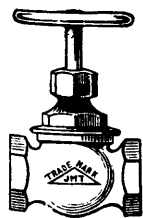
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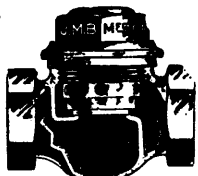
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