AMONG recent assignments are those of Ridley & Co., clothiers, Chatham; J. M. Breen, butcher, London; J. B. Traub, manufacturer, Elderslie.

IT is interesting to learn also from Brantford that the Consumers' Cordage Company, which was idle all winter, has started its works again to making binder-twine, etc.

ONE Chicago dealer on margin, Robert Lindblom, failed on Wednesday by reason of the fluctuations in the wheat market within a few days. He owed $125,000.

THE Consumers' Cordage Company held its annual meeting in Montreal on Tuesday. The report showed that there had been a loss in the past year's operations, due to the new tariff and to the competition of prison labor. The future plans of the company will be decided upon at another meeting.

A SUBSCRIBER in Manitou, Manitoba, writes as follows at the close of April: "Our wheat crop in this district is all in the ground, and since sowing we have had a few nice showers of rain, so that the prospects at present look very bright. One dollar per bushel is offered here for wheat, but there is very little left in the farmers' hands. Cattle and hogs are a good price, the latter selling for $4.75 per 100 lbs. live weight."

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, May 11th, 1898.

STOCKS.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Closing Prices. Sellers.	Closing Prices. Buyers.	Average price same date 1897.
Montreal	243	240	49	250	238	230
Ontario	....	....	....	110	102	82
Molsons	....	....	....	210	200	183
Toronto	228¼	228¼	12	235	225	230
Jac. Cartier	....	....	....	110	103	....
Merchants	174	174	220	175	170	175
Commerce	....	....	....	145	138	127
Union	....	....	....	115	105	102½
M. Teleg.	....	....	....	175	172½	166
R. & O. Nav.	98¼	94½	666	99	98½	92
Mont. St. Ry	258½	252	2115	256	255½	211⅝
new do.	255	248	905	253½	252½	....
Mont. Gas Co.	187½	185	377	188	186	187½
Can. Pac. Ry	84⅛	84¼	6575	81⅜	84½	54¾
Land Grant bds	....	....	....	......	....	....
N.W Land pref	....	....	....	50	... ...	40
Bell Tele.	170½	170½	17	173	170	160¾
Mont. 4 % stock	106	106	$1000	....	....	....

NOVA SCOTIA GOLD.

Two very nice bricks of gold arrived at Mr. Geo. A. Pyke's office yesterday from Isaac's Harbor. One was brought in by Mr. John McMillan from the Hurricane Point mine, valued at $2,800; and the other by Mr. A. B. Cox, manager of the well-known Richardson Gold Mining Co. It was worth $4,600, making a yield of $7,400 in all from those properties for last month's work. As those mines are worked carefully and on strict business principles, they are a good source of income to the shareholders, and are of great benefit to the working people of Isaac's Harbor, who receive their pay in cash each month.—Halifax Chronicle, 10th.