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The amount received by the Clinton post office, in connection with the money order and savings bank branches only, for the week ending 4th December inst., was over \$1,500, and for the week previous, about \$5,400.

The proposition to run a Grand Trunk switch through Oshawa, adjacent to all the large foundries and factories in the town, has met with the unanimous approval of the ratepayers, who voted for it on Tuesday last.

Our newsy (?) commercial contemporary in Toronto has at last learned, perhaps from some of our readers, that Warren's hammer manufactory at Bridgewater, Ont., is about to be removed to this city.

North, West and East of Toronto, especially in the districts of Peterboro, and Renfrew, the sleighing is splendid, but Torontonians spent Christmas—not for the first time—this year without snow. In Montreal and surrounding country there has been plenty of snow for several weeks, and pleasure-driving was freely indulged on Xmas day.

The demand for coal in British Columbia is increasing, and the mines are worked day and night. In the San Francisco market the price

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for Vancouver Island coal has advanced to \$15 on the wharf.

J. NATRASS, insurance agent at London, Ont., has absconded, and is reported to be some thousands of dollars behind. He owns some real estate, which, however, is believed to be mortgaged for about all it is worth, so that the assets will be comparatively nil. The companies hold some security in the shape of bonds. Later information states that Natrass has victimized all his friends to the fullest extent that he was able.

A PROMINENT retail dry goods merchant of this city who also opened wholesale warehouses some eighteen months ago and advertised the same in THE JOURNAL OF COMMERCE, reports that he has lost but one account, of \$30, in his wholesale business, which continues to increase. He attributes this gratifying result to a proper system of keeping accounts, and having nothing to do with certain agencies. His retail business, in common with that of all others, has shown a wonderful increase during the past season over that of the corresponding period for many years. The increase in the number of customers served at this one store during Christmas week over the corresponding week of 1875 was nearly 1,400.

BUSINESS in and about Peterboro, Ont., continues good, many lines being assisted by the good sleighing of the past five or six weeks. Lumbering operations in that district are being prosecuted with vigor; Messrs. Irwin and Boyd announce a large lumber sale in January. No tidings have been received from Luke Fisher the Peterboro grocer, whose flight to the United States was noticed in a recent issue of the JOURNAL; two judgments, amounting to \$4,000, have been procured against him, and he is reported to owe \$1,500 besides. His assets are estimated

at only \$2,200, so that the host of unsecured creditors will likely have to be content with small shares. Some years ago, while in the grist mill business, Fisher involved some of his relatives rather heavily. The Grand Junction Railway Company have an agency at Peterboro, and now run two trains daily to and from Belleville, Ont. Passengers do not save much by this route, but it will no doubt affect freights from the east.

AN OFFER of 10c. on the dollar for the estate of H. A. Ste. Marie, dry goods, this city, whose failure was noticed in our issue of 17th inst., made on behalf of Mr. Armant, the chief creditor, has been refused by the other claimants. They preferred to allow the law to take its course; accordingly judgment has been obtained in favor of plaintiff, and the stock and fixtures will be sold by bailiff. All this of course means additional expense, and, when the privileged claims are also paid out of the assets, the estate will not pay over 2c. to 3c. on the dollar of liabilities. The creditors, in view of the statement recently placed before them, now see their mistake in not accepting the offer. This statement estimated the stock and fixtures, as per inventory, at \$2,256.41; probable assets, by sale of stock at say 60c. on the dollar—an outside figure—less privileged claims amounting to \$248, at \$1,105.84; and unsecured claims at \$7,027.28, leaving a probable dividend of 15c. It may be added that Mr. Armant, who had already lost the \$6,000 which he invested in the enterprise, and which was a heavy drain on the "pile" he brought with him from Paris some 18 months ago, was confiding even to the last, and loaned the unfortunate Ste. Marie small sums since his failure, but the appearance of the latter at Sarah Bernhardt's performance last week has forever damaged his credit in the same quarter.