

ACCORDING to the Owen Sound *Times* local mills have already shipped, this season, about 2,000,000 feet of hardwood lumber. Boston, Buffalo, and Halifax have been the chief points to which the consignments were made. Some, too, have gone to Great Britain and European markets. One dealer has sent forward six car loads of oak to Germany within a few weeks. This timber was obtained in the Penetanguishene district.

THE merchants of Windsor figure that they have taken in \$60,000 of veterans' money during the week. They also rejoice in that they have disposed of all their old shelf worn goods, which have been carried off as Canadian souvenirs. One would think that so much filthy lucre would, to some extent, heal the wounded feelings of loyalty caused by the appearance of so many stars and stripes during the Grand Army meeting.

A FIRM of hardware dealers in Owen Sound, A. K. Bishop & Co., are in trouble, and an assignment has been made.—In November, 1889, G. J. Lenentine, general storekeeper, Springfield, bought a stock of goods valued at \$5,000, paying \$2,000 cash, and giving mortgage as security for the balance. At that time he was evidently in good shape, but now an assignment has been made.

THE sheriff is in possession of the assets of A. W. Emerson, general storekeeper, Bothwell. He has been about four years in business, and, considering his personal habits, it would be surprising to hear of his success.—In Hamilton, C. W. Atwood, jeweller, started business two-and-a-half years ago with \$1,000 capital. Already an assignment has been made, with liabilities of \$2,500, and nominal assets \$500 less than this sum.

A JUDGMENT delivered on the 10th inst. by Judge Palmer advances another step the tedious litigation in the Parks & Son case of St. John, N.B. He has decided that the bank acted without proper authority, skill and diligence, and that the sale of cotton was made at 1½ cents less than might have been obtained for it. He also decides that 590 pounds was deducted from the whole weight without warrant, and the bank must be held liable therefor.

BASS, RATTCLIFFE & GRETTON, brewers, of Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England, have begun a suit in the United States Circuit Court against A. Q. Wendell, of Boston, Mass., for the alleged infringement of their trade mark upon bottled pale ale. Wendell is alleged to be using the plaintiffs' label upon another

ale in order to deceive the customers of Bass & Co. The plaintiffs ask for an injunction restraining the defendant from using the trade mark and for damages, and that the trade mark of the defendant be destroyed.

THERE are four small failures announced in this city this week. Of the number Ben. Bache, grocer, has been a long time in business, and at one time it is stated that he had a fair surplus. But considering that he has at least passed his seventieth year, it is not surprising that, with the keen competition of younger men, his profits should diminish. An assignment has become necessary. Another grocer, named W. K. Fisher, doing a small trade, has also assigned. So have W. H. Potter, tailor, and the Metropolitan Publishing Co., which was organized a year ago, succeeding George Patterson. It was said to have been established in the interest of the Third party, whose organ, the *Nation*, has suspended.

ONE morning lately, says the *Kingston Whig*, a demure little American lady dropped into an up-town clothing store, and after looking over some ready-made clothing for gentlemen, made a purchase and requested a room in which to put them on. The astonished clerk complied, and in due time the purchaser reappeared quite composed, and, with a word of thanks, departed down the street, looking very much the same as when she entered. The curiosity of the storekeeper was aroused, and following, at a respectful distance, he saw her board the Cape boat on her way to the land of Uncle Sam. No information is to hand of any person's detention at Cape Vincent for smuggling, and the conclusion is that the tricky little Yankee presented her husband with a suit of good Canadian tweed duty free.

VICTORIA, B. C., looks for much benefit to result to the city from the three days' tournament of the North Western Firemen's Association to be held there. To the tradespeople the *Times* tenders this good advice, which should be pondered over by those in other places: Of course the immediate profit will accrue to the storekeepers and hotels, but we must try to make Victoria profit by it in more than an immediately pecuniary sense. Let there be none of those high prices of which Queen's birthday visitors so loudly complain, for such complaints result most detrimentally to the city. Storekeepers, restaurateurs and hotel-keepers should be content with a fair profit, and not look upon tourists and holiday visitors as very desirable victims to be fleeced.

A WORLD'S FAIR big-tree committee has been scouring the Puget sound region of Washington for monstrous growths, the Northern Pacific having offered to haul to

Chicago the largest stick of timber that can be found in the State. The committee, says the *N. W. Lumberman*, has measured a good many firs; some standing in a bunch were 10, 11 and 14½ feet in diameter, six feet from the ground, and 100 feet to the first limb. Those of another group were not over nine feet in diameter, but from 350 to 400 feet high. A single tree, of similar diameter, is said to be 200 feet to the first limb. On the north fork of the Nooksack, is a perfect spruce, said to measure 14 feet in diameter, and on the south fork there is a cedar tree, blackened by fire, that is 21 feet in diameter. The same journal furnishes its readers with an illustration of a pine stump 10 feet high and 25 feet diameter, on which are standing and seated 78 persons.

SPEAKING of the recent failure of Nesbitt Bros., in Woodstock, the *Sentinel-Review* says: "Both members of the firm have earned the reputation of being able and pushing; and they have a good reputation both locally and abroad. After years of ceaseless effort they have had to assign. All their hard work and push has not been able to cope with that curse of trade in Canada—too much credit. It has ruined many other good firms before." The liquor business of this firm suffered heavily during the years in which the Scott Act was in force in Oxford. Since its defeat they were not able to regain their former position. About two months ago they disposed of their grocery business. This was expected to have afforded them considerable relief, but evidently it did not, for they have assigned with nominal assets of \$57,000, about \$20,000 of which is book debts and \$12,000 in stock, probably too large. Their direct liabilities are about \$41,000.

AN illustration of the different feelings which competition will sometimes engender is furnished in the case of Siegel, Cooper & Co., the extensive dry goods firm in Chicago, who were burnt out the other day. Promptly after the fire Mr. H. Lazarus, of the "Fair," wrote expressing his sympathy, and proffered any assistance, in the way of office room, in his power. This was accompanied by the wish that their past energies would be rewarded by a new location quickly acquired. Another competitor, knowing that there was only one building vacant suitable for the purpose of storing the saved goods and others on the way for the fall trade, secured an option on it and demanded a bonus for it from Siegel, Cooper & Co. This piece of apparently jealous spite is given prominence in the *New York World* under the heading of "Gentlemen vs. Cut-throats" side by side with the good Samaritan spirit displayed by the other house. It is to be hoped the temporary misfortunes of the firm did not compel them to accede to so selfish a demand.

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