

MR. THOMAS MUIR, late manager of the Ontario car shops in London, Ont., has been appointed treasurer of the Detroit Electrical Works. He was presented with a handsome tea service of six pieces by his friends in St. Andrew's Church.

ALEX. BLACK & Co., the Windsor grape shippers, have called a meeting of their creditors. The firm, it seems, made some heavy contracts with eastern firms early last season, but the bottom fell out of the grape market and left the firm in a corner.

EMIGRANTS to the number of 334,451 left Great Britain in 1891, which number was an increase over the 315,980 of the previous year; 252,000 of these (sixty per cent. of them British) went to the United States; 33,791 came to Canada, of whom 21,613 were British.

THE long-headed managers of Hiram Walker & Sons, of Walkerville, have procured a compound chemical engine and hose wagon for use in that village. The turnout is very tastefully finished and cost \$2,500. Mr. Wm. Morrison, of Toronto, made the engine and wagon.

THE St. Croix cotton mill has been trying for some time past to arrange a union of all the colored cotton mills in the Dominion, similar to the grey cotton association now in existence. A recent visit of Mr. A. F. Gaults to Milltown, N. S., was in connection with the scheme.

AN old time Quebec grocer, Adam Watters, who for many years did probably the leading up-town trade, has made an assignment, owing \$9,513. With proper attention Mr. Watters could have continued to hold his trade, but he has been on a steady down grade for several years past.

THE minor Montreal failures for this week are as follows:—J. Barbeau, grocer, owing \$5,400; John Bonner, fruit dealer, wants to compromise liabilities of \$2,000; T. L. Rolland, provision dealer, assigns, owing \$4,695; F. X. Daoust, a small fur dealer, has failed with liabilities of \$2,108; A. H. Latour, dry goods dealer has transferred his estate to the assignee, and shows an indebtedness of \$5,700.

ONE of the humorists of *Texas Siftings*, at least, has had some "financing" experience. Observe the first of the annexed extracts:—"Nothing so vividly reminds us of the brevity of life as a 30 day note.—Certain acts can be rendered legal, but can never be made legitimate.—Cold natures have only recollections: tender natures have remembrances.—Hard

workers are usually honest. Industry lifts them above temptation.—The virtue of prosperity is temperance. The virtue of adversity is fortitude."

THE directors of the Great Northern Transport Co., who convened in annual general meeting at Collingwood, on the 20th, were able to report a fairly profitable year, in which not a single life was lost nor a dollar's worth of property destroyed. The following were elected directors for the current year: Messrs. Kough, J. J. Long, J. Beatty, W. Beatty, C. Cameron, P. M. Campbell, T. Long, W. T. Robertson and H. Smith. At a subsequent meeting of the directors W. Kough was elected president; J. J. Long, vice-president, and T. Long, secretary-treasurer.

A DESPATCH from Windsor, Ont., says that the C. P. R. has determined to make that town its chief shipping point to Chicago, preceding and during the World's fair. Wharves will be built along the Windsor front a quarter of a mile long, and all freight coming over its Canadian branches and other adjacent connections will be unloaded at Windsor and there reloaded on the company's steamers for Chicago. The steamers owned by the company which have hitherto operated on lakes Huron and Superior will be transferred to the route between Windsor and Chicago, so the story goes.

THERE are several failures in Toronto this week; among them is Francis Smith, hardware dealer, who assigns with liabilities of \$3,000 and assets of \$2,500.—A meeting of the creditors of W. F. Crone & Co., builders, etc., has been called. They find that while they have plenty of real estate, they cannot pay bills with it; hence the necessity of consultation.—A dealer in plumber's supplies named John Ewan, who has been several years in business without making any progress, has now assigned.—So has C. J. Wilson, dealer in stationery, etc. E. R. C. Clarkson is the assignee.—Mrs. D. O'Connor, dealer in hats, caps, &c., whose husband died a short time ago, has been unable to succeed and has assigned.

THE following is from a valued friend in Georgetown, P.E.I., Mr. Gordon by name:—"It is with extreme reluctance that I am compelled to forego the pleasure of perusing the columns of the *Monetary Times*, which I have prized for so many years, but there comes a time to all of us when business as well as pleasure must cease. The writer has reached that period in life when business must be abandoned. Fifty-two years constant and close

attention to business have told with effect on the health and sight of one who appreciated your paper. Wishing the *Monetary Times* all success." To which we beg leave to add this wish for Mr. Gordon:—"May age steal on with softly cadenced feet, fading in music."

IN Gravenhurst, Mrs. Eugene Balmer, wife of John Balmer, general storekeeper, who failed in 1887, has since that time conducted the business without success. Now she has assigned to Henry Barber & Co.—About one year ago D. Ross & Son, general storekeepers, began business at Morriston. They found a person willing to advance money, securing himself by chattel mortgage. This mortgage has been foreclosed, and now the lender finds that he cannot realize in full. Persons doing business without money, as these persons did, are a serious damage to legitimate trade.—J. P. Graves, whose troubles we noted last week, carried on business at Lynedoch for a considerable time and made some money; removed to Mount Elgin and opened a general store in June, 1890. Now he has assigned to R. C. Struthers, London.

TWO leather failures in Montreal which should have been noted last week are those of Hubbell & Brown, brought down by the Whitney suspension, and John Price, hide dealer. Hubbell & Brown owe \$36,447, and do not intend making an offer. In the case of John Price the liabilities are \$18,738.—J. B. DeMers, a tanner of a number of years standing at Ste. Jule de Somerset, is reported to have assigned, but it is not stated whether his failure is due to the Quebec troubles.—J. E. McWhitney & Co., of Montreal, are offering 40c. in the dollar, and it is said have secured a majority of signatures for a settlement at this rate.—John Ritchie, shoe manufacturer, Quebec, has effected a settlement at 30 cents.—Felix Gourdeau, tanner and wholesale dealer in findings, &c., is offering 35 cents in the dollar, 30 cents secured, and five cents his own notes, but the proposal seems to meet with some opposition.—Langlois & Langlois, shoe manufacturers, Quebec, are to be wound up.—Julien & Guay, carriers, Quebec, have settled their liabilities of \$22,000 at 25 cents.—D. Guay, tanner and shoe manufacturer, of the same city, is offering 35 cents.

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About the latest discovery of value to western farmers, says the *Boston Journal of Commerce*, is the use of corn husks in making paper.

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