

CHAMBERS' JOURNAL prints the following bill of fare. It was prepared for the Court of Assistants of the Worshipful Company of Waxchandlers, in 1478, and will give a good idea of the prices then charged for provisions, and make many wish for the return of the "good old days": "Two loins of veal and two loins of mutton, 1s. 4d.; one loin of beef, 4d.; one dozen of pigeons and one dozen of rabbits, 9d.; dozen of capons, 1s.; one goose and 100 eggs, 1s. 3d.; one leg of mutton, 2½d.; two gallons of sack, 1s. 4d.; eight gallons of strong ale, 1s. 6d.—total, 7s. 6d."

A NEW YORK paper attributes to secretary George Wilson, of the Chamber of Commerce, the faculty of taking time by the forelock and thereby avoiding unnecessary worry. The annual banquet takes place in November. Mr. Wilson engages Delmonico's up-town establishment one year ahead. The only stipulation is that Delmonico shall serve the best dinner possible. Orders for the invitations and menus are given in the spring, and correspondence with speakers carried on through the summer. Nothing is left until the last moment.

THREE large coal barges are being built for the Cumberland Coal and Railway Company, for the purpose of carrying coal from Parrsboro, N. S. to St. John, N. B. They will have a capacity of 1 000 tons each. The *Telegraph* predicts that their construction will make a revolution in the coal carrying business of the Bay of Fundy, and quite a fleet of schooners will be thrown out of employment. It is probable that the three barges will equal the capacity of about thirty ordinary schooners, because they will make their trips in half the time. They are well equipped for speedy despatch.

M. J. WIGLE, who succeeded Wigle Bros., general storekeepers, Essex, in April last, is already in trouble and has assigned.—So has Wm. Pierce, undertaker, Brantford, whose assets are composed of stock and book accounts, etc., amounting to \$1,150. The liabilities reach double this sum.—About five months ago Marriott & Lefevre, lumber dealers, Fort William, came from Ottawa and began business. They now assign to the sheriff.—Last week we noted that John Leys, dry goods dealer, Sarnia, was in deep water. As expected, he now assigns.—For nearly thirty years John Munroe has been in the dry goods business at Thorold, but not always with success. He failed last in 1885. Now he is again in trouble, owing to the recent collapse of John Cloy in that town.

ABOUT three years ago Burton Bros., two young men, left this city and went to Regina, where they began tailoring. They did a nice trade, and in July last claimed a surplus of nearly \$2,000, but it is fair to assume that this was not in a tangible shape, as they have now found it necessary to assign.—A meeting of the creditors of John Barker, general storekeeper at Dewdney, B. C., has been called for next week, and he has in the meantime assigned.—In Vancouver one of the steamers of C. W. Murray & Co. has been seized by the sheriff on a judgment and advertised for sale.

EVERYBODY smiled at Miss Parloa's adroitness in one of her cooking lectures at the Food Exposition in New York the other day. Somebody inquired, as a cake was being made, "What baking powder do you use?" She smiled a little out of the corners of her eyes and went gravely on sifting flour. "Really," she said, after a moment's pause, "the label is off my can. I don't seem to recollect, either, whose it was. Any good baking powder may be used." Miss Parloa was far too clever, says the *Times*, to be trapped into saying something in favor of any one cooking material while lecturing under the auspices of a grocers' exhibit.

A few years ago Charles H. Kellogg started a branch of the Kellogg Iron Works of Buffalo here. Last month the practical manager retired, and it has now been decided to liquidate as soon as present contracts are completed.—John Mellon, who began business here in the fall of 1881, has assigned to Chas. Langley. A short time ago he supplemented his rather modest store on Spadina avenue by large and expensive premises in the Rossin House block, King street. On Tuesday last a meeting of creditors was held, when inspectors were appointed and a statement presented showing liabilities of \$4,000 and assets nominally the same. Another meeting will be held to-day, when the inspectors hope to be able to submit an offer for the estate.—Next week the creditors of Mitchell & Co., grocers, Toronto, will meet at the office of Campbell & May. It is only about two and a half years since they began business.—After being three years at cigar making, Richard Maddocks, of this city, assigns. His effects are covered by chattel mortgage.—C. M. Hardy, dealer in boots and shoes, of this city, is the wife of Thomas Hardy, who failed in July, 1890, with liabilities of \$6,000 and nominal assets of \$4,000. Since then she has continued with her husband as manager. Owing to heavy expenses and close

competition she could not succeed.—Campbell & May, assignees, are in charge of the men's furnishing stock of Jos. Patterson, Toronto, who owes about \$40,000. Of this sum \$10,000 is due his banker; to the wholesale trade \$27,000; and \$3,000 to other parties. His assets are composed of \$20,000 stock; mortgage securities \$14,000; equities in real estate, encumbered, \$56,000, making a total of \$90,000. He paid, it is said, too much for his stock, and his unfortunate ventures in the "land boom" have got him into trouble.—J. B. Bruce, real estate dealer, Toronto Junction, is also involved and has assigned.

INSURANCE NOTES.

Mrs. Mary Spencer, of Plainfield, N. J., has won a suit in the Supreme Court of New York against the Citizens' Mutual Life Insurance Company, getting judgment for the full amount of the claim, principal and interest, with costs. A policy had been issued for \$3,000 on the life of her husband. He lapsed in his payment, and later made an application for renewal. The company accepted his renewal, but required him to sign a statement that his health had been excellent ever since the issue of the policy. Some months later he died, and when the widow demanded a settlement the company refused, claiming that Spencer had given a false warranty in regard to his health. The plaintiff succeeded in establishing the point that the company had no right to require any such statement from the insured when it accepted his renewal premium.

The Victoria Mutual Insurance Company, at Hamilton, has received \$60 as conscience money from a Roman Catholic priest. The same person, it is said, sent the company \$200 several months ago.

W. H. Runk, a wealthy wholesale dry goods merchant of Philadelphia who committed suicide the other day, carried a life insurance of \$525,000.

There are so many French Canadians in Massachusetts, says the *Insurance Times*, that the Equitable Life has a regular French Department in operation there.

The Confederation Life Insurance Co. has moved into its magnificent new home at the corner of Yonge and Victoria sts. in this city. We hope to be able to give a description of the building in another issue. A beautiful engraving of it may be seen in the Portfolio edition of the *MONETARY TIMES*.

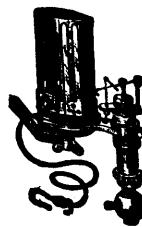
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