

the fire, it is prepared to supply promptly their special brands of laundry and toilet soaps.

DURING Mr. Lincoln's presidency there was a case of small-pox in the White House. Mr. Lincoln said: "All right—now let the office-seekers come—let them come freely: "I've got something to give them at last."

THE ESSEX Centre Manufacturing Co. directors resolved, a week ago, that, while full of orders, "having as yet been unable to secure additional capital by the issue of new stock, we believe it is the interest of the stockholders to largely reduce the working force, or close down the works for a part of the winter months."

A LEADING firm of dry goods dealers in Barrie, Messrs. Crompton & Ryan, has arranged to dissolve about the first of the coming year. The former will continue the business, associating with himself, we understand, two of his employees, the style to be E. B. Crompton & Co. Mr. Ryan leaves the firm with the intention of taking hold of the stock of John Hogg's large Guelph store.

CANADIAN farmers do not often discern the beauty of native woods finished in their natural colors, or at least but rarely make use of them for interior finish of their own homes. But the *Sherbrooke Gazette* tells of at least one tasteful as well as wealthy farmers Mr. A. E. Buckland, of Barnston, who is building a very nice farm house, the finish being all of hard wood, maple, cherry and brown ash.

THERE is in the Port Arthur district marble which is said to be well adapted for monuments and the like. An experimental shipment has been made. There are several large blocks, the stone being of hard quality and rich appearance, in its rough state, giving promise of working up well and taking a hard polish. It is suggested that this may supplant the Vermont marble so much used.

A TRUSTED employee of a Coaticook (Que.) firm lost a \$50 bank bill, which he was sent to get changed. The firm stood the loss. A young girl, in charge of a branch coal office in this city, changed a \$20 note at the request of a stranger some weeks ago. She discovered, when too late, that it was an issue of the old Zimmerman Bank, and of course quite worthless. The young girl stood the loss—a month's salary.

MESSRS. JOHN TORRANCE, W. M. Macpherson and John Torrance, Jr., give notice that the firm of David Torrance & Co., Montreal, having been dissolved by the death of Mr. Thomas Cramp, on the 18th February last, the three gentlemen first named will carry on business from 1st inst., as steamship agents, importers and general commission merchants, at Montreal, under the same name and firm of David Torrance & Co., agents.

AN Atlanta lady sent to her grocer, says the *Savannah News*, for some cinnamon, lemons, sugar, gelatine, and wine. She wanted to make some jelly. The grocer was a Prohibitionist, so he sent all the ingredients except the wine, which he stated he did not keep. The lady at once returned the ingredients with a message that she could not use them for the intended purpose without the wine. Then the grocer hustled around and got the wine.

WILLIAM H. VANDERBILT, known as one of the Railway Kings of the United States, died suddenly, on Tuesday last, at his residence in New York, in his 65th year. He was best known in connection with those known as the Vanderbilt roads, among them the N. Y. Central and the Canada Southern. Mr.

Vanderbilt's father, Cornelius, left him any where from \$60,000,000 to \$100,000,000, and this wealth is believed to have more than doubled.

THE most important among the business changes which have taken place since our last is the dissolution of the old established firm of A. R. McMaster & Brother, wholesale importers of dry goods, which was announced last week, to date from 3rd inst. Capt. W. F. McMaster retires and the remaining members of the firm, Messrs. James S. McMaster, of London, England, and Samuel F. McMaster, of Toronto, continue the business.

GEORGE GALARNEAU, general dealer, Vaudreuil, Que., has assigned on demand of Messrs. A. Racine & Co., who are creditors for some \$1,300. Total liabilities are \$3,000.—Vezina & Guyon, of Vercheres, have also assigned on the demand of the same firm, with liabilities of \$7,500.—H. H. Cromwell, confectioner, Montreal, has assigned in trust.—H. Lavallee, jeweller, and E. Shutan, cigar dealer, of the same city, have also assigned, liabilities in neither case large.

THE Windsor Hotel Co. held its annual meeting in Montreal last week, Mr. Andrew Allan, president, in the chair. The financial statement showed that notwithstanding the cessation of American travel, owing to the small-pox epidemic, the hotel was free from all liability. It is understood that after providing for the expenditure of the hotel and the interest on the bonds there is a small balance left; not sufficient to declare a dividend on. The old board of directors was re-elected.

AN old resident of Seaforth writes to the *Expositor* from Pembina County, Dakota, (which is the county adjoining Manitoba) "I live right at the foot of the Pembina Mountains and see hundreds of bushels of wheat pass my door every day. Much of it is badly frosted. Fortunately, however, as high prices are being paid for frosted wheat this year as No. 1 hard brought last. Were it not for this, farmers around here would be in a bad plight this year."

Revenue officers watching the Nova Scotia shore at Eastern Passage a week or two ago, found portions of the cargo of the wrecked schooner "Handy Andy" in the woods near by and also on Halifax and Dartmouth wharves and about the city. Several casks of liquor were found in a sort of "smugglers' cave" on McNab's farm, which it must have taken some time to excavate. "D. McD." was marked on the casks, which corresponded to the "Handy Andy's" cargo.

If in this city the liquor trade were, says the *New York Sun*, conducted under a system of High License, requiring every dealer to pay from \$200 to \$2,000, according to the magnitude of his establishment, the city treasury would easily derive from it a revenue of a couple of millions a year; the trade itself would be safer and better; public order would be promoted, and temperance would be encouraged without any oppressive interference with the liberty of the citizen.

REV. H. KENNER, of Shell River, Manitoba, writes to the *Winnipeg Free Press*, suggesting that a change be made in the land regulations for the relief of the settlers of that district. He says: "To pay \$400 for their pre-emption they are unable. If they remain in the country they must turn to stock raising. To raise stock will require a larger range than to raise grain. Should not the Government give the pre-emption for a dollar an acre, or at most a dollar and a quarter?"

THE Kingston drug firm of N. C. Polson & Co. dissolved on the 3rd instant. Dr. Fyfe Fowler leaving it, and Mr. Polson continuing alone.

WE understand that Mr. John Watson, who is giving up his dry goods business in Barrie and selling his property there, is about removing to Toronto and forming, in association with Mr. W. H. Lailey, a firm which will continue the wholesale clothing business of Messrs. T. Lailey & Co., here, under the style of W. H. Lailey & Co.

MR. SAMUEL AUSTIN, a naval pensioner, has for several years had a music store in Winnipeg. He had some few hundred pounds of capital, it appears. It is now announced, however, that his stock is to be sold on the 15th instant. He has assigned in trust to A. M. Sinclair.—The grocery stock of John Cuddy, at Winnipeg, is to be sold by tender on Tuesday next. We understand that he came to Winnipeg from near London, and has assigned to a relative.—Wm. Wellband, of the same city, boot and shoe dealer, is effecting a compromise, we are told, at 50 cents in the \$.

THE Halifax papers announce the death, at the age of eighty years, of a well-known merchant of that city, Mr. James A. Moren. For nearly half a century he carried on a large business with the West Indies, the United States and Newfoundland, and amassed a fortune. Twenty years ago he invested in the Little Glace Bay colliery and was made president of the company. He was one of the founders, for many years president, and latterly a director of the Union Bank of Halifax. He was also a director of the Acadia Fire Insurance Company, and the Nova Scotia Building Society. For many years he was president of St. George's society. A native of Halifax, physically he was a fine specimen of a man; built up his own fortune, genial, full of humor; an honest and upright man, he leaves behind him an unblemished reputation. "He not only gave to the poor," says the *Herald*, "but tens of thousands of dollars of debts incurred by fishermen for supplies, were remitted when these poor people were overtaken by bad seasons. His death will be deeply regretted by a large circle of friends."

ACCORDING to the *St. John Telegraph*, the attention of the business men of Yarmouth, N. S. has, since the depression in ship-building and the carrying trade set in, been turning in other directions, to manufactures, for instance. The following are instanced among the many comparatively new firms. The Kinney-Haley Wood Mfg. Co. is doing a driving trade in all that belongs to the wood line. The Yarmouth Woollen manufacturing company is prospering in its production of various classes of goods. The only cotton duck factory in the Dominion is at Yarmouth, and has orders for all the goods it can turn out. It is introducing looms for a wider class of goods, and has already made shipments to Britain. The Burrell Johnson Iron Co. (limited) makes anything of iron, from iron stove-backs to steamboats of from 25 tons to 300 tons. F. H. Wilson & Co. deal largely in ships, castings, stoves, etc. They receive orders from Great Britain for their work. The Yarmouth Power Knitting Co. is operating cautiously. As to gold-mining, at Kemptville, near the town, are the Cowan Co., and the Yarmouth Gold mining Co. The former is doing the crushing at present for the Yarmouth Co., which is getting a crusher mill built. Parker Eakins & Co., A. F. Stoneman & Co., Hatfield, Kenney & Co., and H. & N. W. Lewis & Co., are prosecuting an extensive business in the fishing trade.