

The Strathroy Manufacturing Company applies for Ontario incorporation. Applicants are by Messrs. Chas. Grist, H. Urquhart, W. J. Dyas, J. H. English, and Alex. A. Cockburn, all of Strathroy; capital stock, \$10,000.

We were in error last week, in giving the name of Reid, Goering & Co. as having assigned. The firm meant was Wm. Goering & Co., Hamilton, liquor dealers. Inferences have been drawn, from resemblance of name, that another firm, in another business, was in trouble and we hasten to make this correction.

THE east bound rail shipments of flour, grain and provisions from Chicago last week amounted to 35,926 tons, an increase of 7,722 tons as compared with the previous week. The Vanderbilt roads took 46.3 per cent., the Pennsylvania lines 32.5, Chicago and Grand Trunk 16.1, Baltimore & Ohio 5, and the Big Four 1.

Mr. W. G. McCONNELL, dealer in flour and grain at Berthier, Que., tells us that he does not complain of business. "According to the times, we are doing as well as usual, only our farmers this year will have very little grain to dispose of. We will not have enough oats for our local demand and as to peas, they are one half usual crop. Wishing you continued success with your paper."

AFTER being in business about five years, without making any progress, A Beebe, general storekeeper, Oakland, has assigned, and called a meeting of creditors to consider his position. —Joel Stauffer, saw-mill proprietor, Oil Springs, has assigned. —A bailiff is in possession of the jewellery store of E. A. Hicks, Selkirk. Hicks is reported to have left. —J. B. Climo, dealer in stoves and tinware at Stratford, has made an assignment.

AN unusual accident happened on the Delaware and Hudson railway, last week. As the Montreal express was approaching Whallonsburg, N. Y., the flange of a tender wheel broke. This threw the engine off the track and sent the whole train flying pell-mell into the station, knocking over a stove, setting fire to the depot and the train itself. All the cars except the Pullman were burned, but every passenger and train hand escaped, and nearly all the baggage was saved.

A RECENT addition to the manufacturing concerns of this city is that of Messrs. F. C. Ireland & Son. This firm, lately from Lachute, Que., has purchased a building on Church street, and is at present engaged in fitting up machinery necessary for the production of desiccated wheat, rye, and barley; also rolled oats, pea flour and whole wheat meal. These cereals are, perhaps, better known to the trade, in this shape, as "Our National Foods," under which title they find a large sale throughout the Dominion.

THE following named parties are all doing business in this city. W. H. Boulter, builder, who came from England not long ago, has assigned with liabilities of \$15,000 or \$20,000. —G. M. Gardner, tailor, has been sold out by the bailiff at the instance of his landlord. —A number of judgments have been obtained against Dan. Hayes who is engaged in lumber operations, and who has long been noted as very bad pay. —George Kelsey, who has been in the crockery business about five years, has assigned with small liabilities. —A meeting of the creditors of G. D. Rave, jeweller, was held a day or two ago, but we have not yet learned what took place. —W. H. Cunningham had not sufficient capital to continue his nice little grocery business, and has assigned to E. R. C. Clarkson.

Subscribers are respectfully requested to give our "gentle reminder" prompt attention. By doing so they will greatly assist in the internal economy of the business department.

THE grocery stock of James Harris, Toronto, amounting to \$5,368, was sold by Messrs. Suckling, Cassidy & Co., to Wm. Milligan, at 58 cents in the dollar. The same firm sold Carmichael & McGribben's grocery stock \$3,008, at 69 cents, to Joseph French, and a small general stock at Uxbridge at 62 cents in the dollar.

THERE are but few minor changes this week. The general store of W. T. Boughner, Brownsville, has been sold to D. A. Moss. O'Malley Bros., in this city, have bought the grocery stock of W. A. Garfield. In Davisville, A. Spears has sold his general store to Alex. McEldon. Fisher & Co. have bought the grocery stock of T. H. Cairns & Co., in this city.

J. B. MAGURN, doing business in this city under the style of the Toronto Tanning Co., has assigned, with liabilities of over \$25,000. Complete lack of experience in the manufacture of leather, and severe competition are probably causes of his failure. There are liens upon the plant for advances, we understand, and the estate will turn out but poorly.

We learn that Mr. Hugh McAulay, who has done a very successful tin and stove business in Embro since about 1865, has sold out to Mr. Thos. Waugh, late of Plattsville. Mr. McAulay removes to London, where he purposes we are told, engaging in Sunday school work. In the same village, Mr. J. C. Anderson, general merchant, has sold the tinware department of his business to Grant & Co., who are practical tinsmiths.

ON Tuesday last, the creditors of Petley & Petley, dry goods dealers, King street, this city, met to consider the financial affairs of that firm, which although it shows a surplus of \$18,000 over liabilities of \$65,000, has fallen behind in payments. It was decided to continue the business until January 15th next, and to appoint E. R. C. Clarkson, receiver of the estate.

QUITE a group of country store keepers in a small way are reported in difficulty this week. J. S. HARKIRK, general storekeeper, at the village of Aubury, has reached a crisis three times in twelve years. He failed in 1879, with liabilities of \$4,000. This amount was compromised at 70 cents in the dollar. In 1885, he made a better bargain with creditors, they let him off by paying fifty per cent., of what he then owed. Now, again, he is in difficulty and makes an assignment. —Geo. Murray has been doing a small store business at Hensall, without doing more than making "ends meet." He has assigned. —William Risk, general storekeeper, Highgate, has been largely in debt to J. B. Laing & Co., London. Owing to the failure of that firm, he finds himself in difficulty. His assets and liabilities are about equal. —In Bowmanville, Thomas Bingham, dry goods dealer, is in difficulties. He was estimated worth about \$10,000, when he began not many years ago with Mr. McClung. They dissolved in July last, and he has assigned with pretty large liabilities. —It is only two years, since W. H. Rogers began as a general storekeeper in Drayton. He has already assigned. —An offer of forty per cent.,

is made to creditors by A. G. Selwood, general storekeeper at Henfryn, who has been in business eighteen months. He owes \$1,350, and has less than half this sum to pay with. —In September last, Delaney & Schafer began general storekeeping, at McGregor, Ont. Neither of them knew anything about the business. The latter, a farmer, mortgaged his property for \$1,500. Now the farm is gone. —Another short-lived firm is that of Miller & Maynard, general dealers at Orillia. It was in August last, we understand, that they first hung out their shingle. They had been clerks and possessed but very little capital. Here are eight estates, in not one of which, if we may judge from the circumstances, will creditors get a satisfying dividend. Verily, store keepers are too plentiful and credit too cheap.

DOMINION COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' ASSOCIATION.

A large number of members attended the annual meeting of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association in their rooms in Montreal on Saturday afternoon last, when the annual report was submitted. Discussion of the report was deferred till the evening meeting.

Mr. T. Harries was chosen temporary chairman at the evening meeting in the absence of the President, Mr. D. L. Lockerby, who, however, arrived at a later hour. The annual report was read, showing the receipts of the year to have been \$21,988.82, of which \$18,698 was from certificates, and \$2,888.72 from interest on investments and bank deposits. The disbursements, were \$12,229; the sum of \$6,400, was paid in death claims. A sum of \$57,775 now stands at the credit of the Association: in the shape of \$32,000 in first mortgages, \$19,000 in bonds, the remainder being represented by furniture and by cash in bank.

Discussion took place upon some items of the report, as to which explanations were made and the report was adopted. The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers. Mr. Fred. W. Birks was found to be elected President, and Mr. W. Percival Vice-President. The directors chosen are Messrs. Croil, Hutchinson, Armstrong, Brown and Massell.

A short address was made by the retiring President, who called upon Mr. Birks to take the chair. Having done so, the newly-elected President declared, that "during the last year he had travelled from ocean to ocean, and had met members of this Association in every province. They stood everywhere higher than members of any other association." (We quote from the *Herald's* report): "The merchants of

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