

EMILE GRANGER, a small trader of St. Anne des Plaines, Que. has assigned for the general benefit.

We learn that the hardware firm of A. A. Baldwin & Co., at Charlottetown have closed up their business.

AFTER a business career of a few years Robert Dixon, a general storekeeper of East Selkirk-Man., has assigned. This is his second appearance in the role of an insolvent.

LAST fall Hammond & McKeever opened a store in Winnipeg stocked with tins and crockery, the business done was not sufficient to provide for two partners, so they gradually lost ground and have now assigned.

A LUCAN grocer, Frank Munro by name, has failed for the third time. It is desirable that, his departure for parts unknown may be permanent, for some kindhearted wholesaler might feel like starting him in business if he should return.

GEO. PAYNE, gunsmith, Montreal, has assigned to S. C. Fat. His troubles are supposed to arise out of complications with R. H. Kilby, importer of sporting goods, whose embarrassment has been alluded to in these columns.

THERE is a spool factory at Piccadilly, eight miles from Sussex, N.B. which employs forty hands. Twelve cords of wood are used daily, the output being about 10,000 gross of spools per month. The spools are supplied to English and Scotch thread manufacturers.

A RAFT containing 25,000 pieces of timber was received a day or two ago by Messrs Atkinson & Co., at New Liverpool. It had thirty men on board and had been on the way since 17th April from the upper portion of St. Maurice County 270 miles north of Three Rivers.

THE recent catch of mackerel at the mouth of Richibucto harbor has been remarkably large. One firm Rogers & Co., took 7,000 in one day. The fish are frozen in refrigerators built on the beaches, where they can be kept until winter, and then shipped to American cities.

A GENT stamp, partly on the wrapper and partly on the newspaper, in the United States, constitutes it a sealed package, and the package will go only to the dead letter office. The public are interested in having this official triviality more widely known.

It is stated that Messrs Rathbun of Deseronto, and Geo. A. Cox, of Peterborough, have been given a controlling interest in this road, under an agreement to complete the work as far as Tamworth this fall, and to build a 50,000 bushel elevator at the water's edge in Napanee. Operations will begin at once.

EVANGELISTE VACHON, a general dealer of St. Stanislas de Kotska, Quebec, who has been in hot water ever since spring, and who made an offer of compromise of 50 cents on the dollar in April last, has now assigned to Kent & Turcotte, of Montreal. Liabilities are small, only about \$1,500.

THE estate of Alexander & Bryce, dry goods merchants, Winnipeg, has been sold to Mr. Murchison, at a figure which will realize 72 cents on the dollar of claims. H. F. Poirier, of Montreal, also in the dry goods line, has effected a composition at the rate of 60 cents on the dollar.

It is stated that the Government telegraph line on the North Shore of the St. Lawrence has been completed from Murray Bay to Godbout River. Point-des-Monts will be reached about the end of the week and operations for the season will terminate at Pentecost River, 37 miles below Point-des-Monts.

THE farmers of Prince Edward Island will this year find a ready home market for a share of their potatoes instead of shipping them to Bos-

ton, etc. The Baltic Starch Company at Charlottetown, we are told, is about ready to begin the manufacture of pure starch from potatoes, and all the modern appliances will be used in its production.

CUTTLE & Co., Manufacturers of a description of Soap called "Soapena," in Hamilton, have been closed up. Cuttle, the only member of the firm, has gone to Boston to take a situation. It is to be hoped that his liabilities are not large for he has not left anything to pay them with.

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THE brigantine *Fortuna*, owned in Halifax, is reported a total wreck at Langley Island, Little Miquelon. The *Fortuna* left Halifax on the 14th with a cargo of salt for St. Pierre, insured in the Merchants for \$1,250. The vessel was insured for \$4,600, divided between the Nova Scotia and Ocean offices.

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MR. ALEXANDER JOHNSTON, of Strathroy, is retiring from the business of private banking, and in response to certain stories about his being in difficulty, announces that he is able to meet all demands upon the bank and will be able to retire with a handsome surplus. Depositors in his bank have already been, he claims, mostly paid off.

AT a meeting of the shareholders of the English Loan Company, held in the Tecumseh House, London, a few days ago, it was, after considerable discussion, agreed to petition the county judge to issue an order for the distribution of the losses under the Joint Stock Companies' Act and thus wind up the company.

THE creditors of A. O. Brown & Co., confectioners, Guelph, have been asked for an extension of three years, payable half yearly and without interest. The firm in question is, it is stated, unable to meet payments and requests the above liberal treatment from those interested. If wound up the estate would probably not pay more than twenty-five cents on the dollar.

GEO. GREENWOOD is a Woollen manufacturer in Grafton, and at a late meeting of creditors showed liabilities of over \$27,000 and assets about \$10,000. It was decided to wind up the business, for the stock on hand and other chattels appear to be all that there is to be divided amongst creditors, and from present indications those who are unsecured will not receive more than 20 cents on the dollar.

THOS. WORSWICK & Co., of Guelph, manufacturers, of steam engines, have been busy with orders from all parts of the country, Nova Scotia to Manitoba, and employ some forty hands. They last year sent a Brown engine of 150 horse-power to the Hudson Bay Co., for their new flouring mill in Winnipeg, and they have lately set up, and last week started a pair of their automatic Brown out-off engines, coupled to one shaft but detachable, 150 horse-power each, in J. Y. Shantz & Sons button works, at Berlin, which is doing an active business. The quantity of vegetable ivory which these button works consume may be the better imagined when it is learned that 250 tons of that material is stored on the premises at one time.

THE employees of the North American Rubber Works, in Quebec, a week ago presented Mr. F. W. Boxer, the manager, with a congratulatory address and a meerschaum pipe. In that gentleman's reply, reference was made to the recent period of idleness for the employees during which repairs and improvements to the factory have been undertaken, but he claims that when, in a few days more, the work is resumed, the factory will be almost a new one.

FROM the number of failures by hotelkeepers in the North West, we should judge that that country is not a favorable one in which to cater to the wants of the travelling community, or the business there is greatly overdone. Marlton & McKay, Emerson, are the latest additions to the list of insolvents in that line. The creditors who sold them their furniture have paid the landlord in full and taken possession of the premises, leaving nothing for others. The partners are said to have been neglecting their business.

AN addition to the manufacturing industries of Toronto is found in the works of the Canada Straw Goods Manufacturing Co., whose proprietors are Messrs. Sutherland Brothers & Co. In the extensive premises, Nos. 849 to 853 Yonge St., they will manufacture ladies' and gentlemen's straw hats of various descriptions. The machinery, procured in New York, is, we are told, all new and of the most improved kind. The establishment is expected to be in running order in the course of a few days, and will employ a considerable number of hands.

THE merchants of Chicago are evidently tired of the discrimination of freights made by the railways entering their city. At a large meeting held in the Commercial Exchange nearly every trade was represented. The merchants allege that the combination of railroad pools during the last five years has had the effect of stopping all competition, and that adverse and discriminating rates have retarded the commercial growth of the city. Not only, say they, have freight rates been forced up to the highest figures, but in most instances they are denied the right to designate the roads over which they wish to have their freights shipped.

A WINNIPEG Auctioneer, J. A. Finney, is behind with his payments and intends calling a meeting of creditors as soon as he has prepared a statement of his position.—Jos. Nixon who keeps a boot and shoe store in the same city, evidently elated with the golden vista of the "boom," bought rather too freely, perhaps more so than his means would allow. He is now asking an extension of time.—W. B. Chambers was at one time a biscuit manufacturer in Winnipeg, but in June last disposed of his business to Paulin & Co. Since then some ten judgments have been issued against him and now he seeks relief in the insolvent court.

THE pottery, glassware, and lamp jobbers, who recently held a "national convention" in Pittsburg, formed a permanent organization. It was thereat resolved to request the manufacturers of glassware in the United States to reconsider the action taken in Boston to abolish specific charge for packages. The selling of goods by other than wholesale or retail grocery and glassware dealers was stigmatized as "illegitimate, working but little benefit to manufacturers and doing great injustice and injury to regular dealers." This, doubtless, was aimed at the cheap tea concerns existing there, and existing indeed, in Canada as well, which profess to give away chromos and toys, taffy and chaff, to their customers. The officers of the body are: President, W. R. Norcross, Boston; vice-president, James F. Wright, New York; secretary and treasurer, H. F. Hughes, Pittsburg.