

THE village of Kirkton mourns the departure from its midst of a shoemaker and a carpenter, who left without paying their just debts.

THERE is a corner in ice at Winnipeg, which is now \$3 per 100 lbs., instead of \$2, before the opposing companies combined.

ANGUS MCKENZIE, a general merchant at Glen-ocoe, who made an assignment a few weeks ago, has effected a compromise with creditors at 70c on the dollar, on a liability of about \$12,000.

THE Campbell tannery at Pictou, N. S. is sending leather regularly to Great Britain and to Newfoundland. Its shipments abroad in three months ended with May were \$32,820 in value.

JOHN M. BENNETT, grocer, Orangeville, after being there for about ten years, has been obliged to assign for benefit of creditors. He was at one time considered in a very fair position, financially, but for several years his trade has been leaving him, and he has fallen behind.

A FIRM of marble cutters in Walkerton, who have latterly been trading under the style of Sach & Ross, but who have undergone several metamorphoses in style the last three or four years have assigned. Their liabilities are not large.

A CHICAGO distiller being asked why he and the other distillers were not buying more rye, now that it is cheap compared with corn? "Oh," said he, "we can do better. We are using flour. We can get from Minnesota a kind that serves our purpose at about thirty dollars a ton, and I tell you it makes good whiskey."

HUGH MORROW, of Weston has made an assignment. He at one time carried on business at Churchville and then at Shelburne, and at the latter place got involved through grain speculations, which occasioned his meeting his creditors. As he was only in a small way, as general dealer at Weston, his liabilities are not large.

A FIRM of general dealers at Vernon, Ont., Bowen & Fraser, who were burned out recently and sustained a heavy loss, have been unable to meet the demands of creditors and have assigned. Their assets consist of about \$700 worth of goods saved from fire and some book debts. The liabilities are between \$3,000 and \$4,000. It is expected that they will be able to effect a compromise.

IN May, 1881, Lloyd & Langstone began business in this city as dealers in rubber goods. They have been unsuccessful and have assigned for benefit of creditors. They owe about \$1,200 principally to one house in Montreal, and show assets of about the same amount, chiefly in outstandings of small sums which will shrink considerably in collection.

MR. EDWARD HINDS began business as a general merchant in Barrie as long ago as 1857 with \$400 received from his father. From 1860 to 1868 he was in partnership with a brother, and since the latter date has been doing business alone. When he started, and for several years afterwards, he was known to be a successful merchant; latterly, however, he has yielded to

habits which brought in their course the inevitable result—a failure in business. He has assigned for benefit of creditors.

THE peach crop, in the valley of the Hudson, is said to be a total failure. Calculating upon the basis of 1880 and 1881, the loss will exceed a million of dollars; not more than 100 baskets of the fruit can be gathered along the Hudson this season. The apple yield, on the contrary is expected to be the largest ever gathered.

THE Novelty Waggon Works of Speight & Son, Markham, have been put into a joint stock company (limited), with a capital of \$200,000. The provisional officers are the following: E. T. Crowle, President; F. A. Reesor, Sec.-Treas.; Directors—G. R. Vanzant, H. Wilson, G. T. Brambridge, Wm. Speight and W. H. Hall. The general manager is to be Mr. James Speight.

THE suspension of the Halifax firm of J. S. Cochran & Co., fish dealers and West India merchants, is attributed to heavy losses in the West Indies, and to the winding up of the Northup estate with which they are said to have been connected. There were but few outstanding accounts against them, and their foreign obligations cannot be heavy.

THE Dominion Type Founding Company has held its ninth annual meeting in Montreal. The report and financial statement were considered satisfactory. The old board was re-elected: Mr. Alexr. Murray, President; Mr. R. J. Starke, Vice-President, Messrs. A. Buntin, Hon. Thos. Ryan, D. J. Rees, James Simpson, and W. J. MacDonnell, of Toronto.

"THE largest steam-whistle in the world," (it is an American journal, the N. Y. Sun, which uses the familiar style of phrase) "may be seen on John street." It was made for what we are told is "the largest sawmill in the world," that of Messrs. Gilmour & Co., on the River Ottawa, is about the size of a flourbarrel, being 27 inches long and 20 inches in diameter. It is made of cast brass, and cost \$500.

THE unexpected announcement is made that R. D. Vandecarr & Sons of this city, spice manufacturers, have failed. The firm owes something like \$22,000 and professes to have a surplus of \$8,000, though if this surplus be of genuine value it is not easy to see why they should assign as they have done. Possibly there have been too many houses in this business which provided it be cleverly conducted ought to be a paying one, that is if the Government Analysts are right in their statements.

THE Montreal Steam Crane Company, in which many of the leading shippers of Montreal are interested, has been granted by the Harbor Commissioners the privilege of using the wharves without payment for six years, and to lay tracks for the cranes to run upon. Application has been made for a charter and Messrs. J. P. Cleghorn, W. R. Elmenhorst, W. F. Torrance, R. C. Adams and Alex. Murray, have been appointed provisional directors.

H. G. H. L'ECUYER, a dealer in shoe machinery at Montreal, is reported to have left town suddenly to avoid trouble arising out of some rather doubtful transactions. L'Ecuyer failed over a year ago with heavy liabilities, and the failure was severely criticized at the time. He has since been put to severe straits to continue business, and but recently resorted to very questionable modes of raising the wind. It is possible that he may be brought back from New York where he is supposed to be, to answer a criminal charge.

DR. G. W. CAMPBELL died on the 31st May, full of years and honors. As long ago as 1837 Dr. Campbell had a large practice as a physician in Montreal and was prominent in old Dr. Mathieson's church among a group of residents which included some of the most notable Canadians of the day. While standing high in his profession and giving much time to educational and philanthropic work, Dr. Campbell came to be prominent in financial circles as well. He was a director in the Bank of Montreal, in the Montreal Telegraph Co., and the New City Gas Co.

THE business men of Winnipeg are open-handed and don't do things by halves. When they set about giving a worthy gentleman a testimonial they plank down \$3500 in gold into his hand, or his lap, and half apologize because it isn't more. At least that is what they did last week to Mr. George Brown, the manager of the Ontario Bank in that city. We congratulate Mr. Brown on the pleasant impression he has made on so kindly a community, and trust that restored health may enable him to resume his business connections with the Prairie City.

A NEAT way to discharge an official of state is illustrated in the following anecdote: While Said Pasha was busy at the sublime Porte directing letters, countersigning orders and decrees of the Sultan one Sunday of late, an attendant appeared suddenly and without saying a word removed the inkstand from the Grand Vizier's table. Said rose, called his carriage, and drove rapidly home to his palace. He had got his dismissal in the most polite but decisive fashion in which it is possible to give it to a Turkish public functionary.

EUGENE LAWRENCE in *Harper's Weekly* says "Our educational system is dangerous and alarming in its defects. Nearly five millions of people in the United States over ten years of age (4,923,451) are unable to read, more than six millions (6,239,958) are unable to write. About three millions of persons of the school age have no schools prepared for them, no hope of advance. The great mass of ignorance hangs over us, the cloud of danger increases. It is our working classes who suffer from this deprivation, it is our laboring classes who are most interested in this question of the public schools."

THE total revenue of the Quebec Steamship Company from all sources for the past year was \$102,708, and the total expenses, \$79,952. The net earnings of the different steamers employed, between New York, the West Indies and Canadian Ports, are thus given, after ex-