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In is reported that D. R. McTavish, of Stratford, Out., a blacksmith and dealer in machine repairs, has fled to foreign climes, leaving several creditors to mourn his departure.

Business in Mitchell, Ont., is beoming to such an extent that some of the merchants find it necessary to apologize to the travellers for want of time to place orders.

FARMERS in the County of Perth have no reason to complain of the prospects for a bountiful harvest. The Fall wheat has made wonderful progress during the last few weeks, and the other crops have not given any cause for alarm.

A NUMBER of locks have been swung upon the new Welland Canal; but on a test being made it was found that the valves would not work satisfactorily by manual labor, and Mr. Page, the Chief a mineer of Canals, has concluded to insert turbine wheels, with a view of remedying the defect.

Samuet Winton et ux, who have been engaged for sometime on a small scale in the wood business at St. Catharines, left on the 15th for parts unknown, but previous to their departure managed to "let ia" a number of confiding friends for various sums of money.

The Estate of John Williams of Mitchell, Ont., consisting of boots and shoes, leather, crockery, groceries and shop furniture, was sold by public auction on the 20th inst., to Thomas Skinner, of the same place, at 66½ c on the 3. The sale brought to the town quite a number of speculator, which tends to show that Mitchell has still some reputation as a commercial centre.

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The Government Engineer has inspected Lock 2 of the Welland Canal, and promises that work will be commenced during the caming Fall for the enlargement of the same, so as to admit of the passage of vessels of the largest size up the Canal to the dry docks at St Catharines.

When harvesting has commenced in London township, where the crop promises to be of excellent quality. Favorable reports have also been received from Hamilton and vicinity, where, in some instances, the wheat is as fine as has ever been seen in that locality. The straw is five feet high, the heads are large and full, and the grain has filled out finely, being plump and large. The yield will doubtless be unusually large.

The late Mr. Andrew Shaw, a keeper in the Rockwell Asylum, Kingston, who was drowned near the Asylum wharf on the 17th inst., was formerly a member of the firm of A. & D. Shaw, wholesafe dry goods merchants in that city. They were at one time in affluent circumstances, but failed in business some 15 or 16 years ago. David Shaw, brother of the deceased, and junior member of the said firm, died several years ago. He was at one time Brigade Major of the Kingston District, and more recently Emigration agent in Scotland.

In pursuance of the amalgamation policy, the Dominion Telegraph Company's offices at points in the Maritime Provinces which are served by the Western Union are being closed up. Among the changes consequent upon this course will be the promotion of Mr. W. R. Burke, late manager for the former Company at Halifax, to the position of manager of the Company's office in this city. Mr. Burke, judging from press notices, was quite popular in Halifax, and comes to this city well recom-

mended. In the event of the amalgamation of the Canadian Companies with the Western Union further changes are perhaps not improbable.

Grouge E. Miller, the Morrisburg barrister, who, as recorded in a recent issue of the Journal, absconded with about \$2,800, proceeds of a chancery sale in Morrisburg, is said to have turned up in Chicago, repentant and subdued, with \$1,400 remaining, which he was willing to divide amongst his creditors, giving his note for the balance. It appears that George got into trouble in the Western metropolis, when a former resident of Morrisburg came to his rescue, and it is to the latter, apparently, that the thanks of the creditors are chiefly due for the restoration of their money. It is probable that a settlement has already been effected.

ROBERT WISEMAN, Inte express agent, Dominion telegraph agent, and insurance agent at Clinton, Ont., suddenly left town the other day for parts unknown. The Express Co. have taken possesion of the office, and have called upon Wiseman's sureties for some \$500 which it is said the sureties are about paying. There is apparently a \$500 parcel missing, one that was not called for, and this sum of money appears from the books to have been received by a Guelph man who calls his signature a forgery. It is stated that when the Guelph gentleman confronted Wiseman, and demanded an explanation, the latter stood dumfounded and made no reply, but absconded before he could be arrested. A number of creditors will likely lose by his departure. It seems this is not the first nor second time this agent has got involved in a similar trouble, and if report be true, although a Wise-man he is in some respects quite simple; generous living is also one of the causes ascribed to his action.