

At St. John, the Custom House people took in \$951,686 last year, which was \$21,000 of a decrease.

THE Merchants' Exchange in Montreal has been sold to the John Ogilvie estate for \$40,000, for investment account.

HALIFAX Customs revenue for the calendar year 1890, amounted to \$1,706,530; in the previous twelve months they were \$1,643,500, showing an increase in 1890.

CUSTOMS receipts in Montreal last month were \$530,991, compared with \$603,250 in December, 1889. For the year 1890 they were \$9,198,426, which is \$213,000 less than 1889.

THE mercantile failures in Newfoundland, during 1890, numbered nineteen, and the aggregate liabilities were \$431,918. Three-fourths of these occurred during the last quarter of the year.

THE advance in the price of window glass agreed upon by the American Window Glass Combination is 30 per cent., but we hear of no advance in the workmen's wages. If glass could be made before at a profit, surely there is a fortune in it now.

"TO DISCONTINUE an advertisement is like taking down your sign. If you want to do business, you must let the people know it. Standing advertisements, when changed frequently, are better and cheaper than reading notices. They look more substantial and business-like, and inspire confidence. I would as soon think of doing business without clerks as without advertising."—John Wanamaker.

THERE have been several small failures in Toronto during the week; among them is that of H. Benjamin, jeweller, and Wm. Snell & Co., sash and door manufacturers. This last is the result of one year's operations.—Evidently R. J. Frampton, baker, has purchased too much real estate, which accounts for his failure.—Mr. E. R. C. Clarkson has undertaken to look after the affairs of the Quick Shine Stove Polish Co. in the capacity of assignee.

A HAPPY-GO-LUCKY fellow is J. E. Calvert, dealer in tinware at Petrolia. He seems to work hard without making any progress. The assignment he has just made does not appear to destroy his appetite.—Donald Simpson, who was formerly of the firm of Buckley & Simpson, grocers, Sarnia, and dissolved about a year ago, has now assigned.—The failure is just announced of Spence & Crumley, dry goods dealers of some years standing in Kingston. Liabilities not yet ascertained. They assign to Wm. Ferguson.

THE Aylmer Furniture Company, bonused by the town, is to begin operations in a few days.

THE strike of the glass blowers at New Glasgow has been settled, and the men have resumed work.

AN increase of \$8,000 in revenue over the previous year is shown for 1890 by the Montreal Harbor Commission.

THE Halifax banking and confectionery firm of Moir, Son & Co., have discharged all their soft bread bakers, on the sole ground that they belong to the bakers' union.

INLAND revenue receipts at Montreal for last month were about the same as in the previous December, viz., \$194,863. For the whole year they were \$1,888,858, a decrease of \$58,978.

WINNIPEG customs collections last month amounted to \$31,495, about the same as the like month of 1889; inland revenue, also about the same, was \$23,911. The value of exports was \$176,000, double that of December, 1889, and of imports \$382,000, two-thirds being free goods.

MR. A. W. MURDOCH, Lt.-Col. Hamilton and Mr. Harvey Harrison, who visited Montreal in the interests of the new West Indian line of steamships, left Montreal on Tuesday for St. John and Halifax on their way to the West Indies. They have succeeded in arousing a good deal of interest in the Jamaica Exhibition.

THERE are a few business changes to notice this week. Among them we notice that the wholesale fancy goods house of Foster & Macabe has changed to the style of Macabe, Robertson & Co.—The hardware business of Paulin & Price, St. Thomas, will be continued by Price & McMurtry.—McMahon, Broadfield & Co., dealers in oil lamps, etc., Hamilton, consider that Toronto affords a better field for their operations and they have removed here.

D. SHULER, merchant tailor, Point Edward, has suspended payment. A short time ago he gave a chattel mortgage for \$1300. Previous to this he gave another person an agreement, which was not registered, for the same amount. Both parties have appealed to the court for a division of the assets.—In April last Geo. White began the shoe trade at Brampton. At that time he represented that he had a stock of \$1,500, free from liability. This has apparently shrank a great deal, for he does not appear to be solvent. At any rate he has made an assignment to George Anderson, jr.

MESSRS. BRYCE, McMURRICH & Co. having disposed of their wholesale stock of dry goods in this city to Messrs. Gordon, Mackay & Co., the handsome premises occupied for some years by the former firm is offered for rent. Not only is the building excellently situated in the heart of the wholesale quarter of Toronto, but it offers every convenience that can reasonably be demanded for the transaction of wholesale business.

JAMES E. MONCK, who kept an hotel at Leamington, has assigned to Lewis Wigle.—The London grocery firm of Somerville, Fredericks & Co., have got into trouble among themselves and have made an assignment. P. Birtwistle, who formed the company, is now settling with and paying off the principal creditors.—A meeting of the creditors of E. M. Fralick, planing mill at Napanee, was held last week, but no decision was reached.

THE Empire Brewing Co. at Winnipeg has, after two years trial with a paid capital of \$40,000, decided to liquidate. Its liabilities are about \$23,000. It would seem that the cold weather out west is unfavorable to the consumption of beer.—A young man in Sault Ste. Marie named E. Harris began the grocery business three years ago. His assignment is announced.—The venture of publishing the *Sudbury Sun* appears to have been unsuccessful, and we understand that J. J. Barton, the publisher, has assigned.

JAMES CROTHERS, a prominent resident of Bedford, Que., and for many years largely engaged in the milling business with profitable results, has been obliged to abandon his estate, and has gone to California to try and retrieve his fortunes. He was latterly president of the Rapid Manufacturing Co., in which concern he has sunk a large amount of his means.—A small general store concern at St. Guillaume, Quebec, named A. Boucher & Co., has assigned, owing \$2,600.—Telephore Roux, of Windsor Mills, Que., a small general dealer in business two or three years, has failed.

PROBABLY the most important suspension of the week is that of W. Ewan & Co., Montreal, wholesale manufacturers of clothing, who have called a meeting of their creditors for to-day. Since their compromise settlement of 1886, at 50 per cent. on liabilities of \$82,000, the firm have worked along at a disadvantage ever since. The liabilities are largely centralized.—W. A. Whinfield & Co., bakers and manufacturing confectioners in a large way in the same city, have assigned on demand. They owe direct \$44,861, indirect \$15,859. The

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