

A SAMPLE of granulated sugar, refined by electricity, was shown in New York last week.

MESSRS. LAUTENSCHLAGER & WEAVER have disposed of their button factory at Berlin to M. B. Shantz & Co.

A SMALL grocery firm at Sorel, Tellier, Chapland & Co., are in the hands of their creditors. The liabilities are placed about \$1,500 and assets considerably less.

DODDS & JOLLY, of Yarmouth, N. S., have started a knitting factory, giving employment to about 25 hands. The present capacity of the factory is 400 pairs stockings and 200 shirts or drawers per day.

At a general parade and inspection of the Halifax Fire Brigade last Saturday, the engines, hose, and ladders were found to be in a highly satisfactory condition, and when a few small defects are made good the department may be called in first-class condition and fit for any work.

THE August exports of cotton from the United States amounted in value to \$2,853,327, a decrease as compared with August last year of \$1,709,559. For the year ended August 31 the exports amounted to \$220,699,071, an increase of \$16,371,241 over the previous twelve months.

STAGNATION ain't the name of our town. We've got a "move" on. If you don't believe it, you ought to have been down the harbor Monday morning and seen the vessels unloading—it would change your ideas. Ten steamers and about as many sailing vessels.—*Owen Sound Times*.

P. H. NORTON, of the firm P. H. Norton & Co., makers of extracts in Montreal, is supposed to have left for a more congenial clime. He had only been in business a few months, and was never credited with any capital. Happily he owes but little.

THE annual meeting of the New Brunswick Railway Company was held in St. John last week, when it was shown that extensive improvements have been made on the works this season, 2,637 tons of new rails laid, 115,761 new sleepers, 108 miles of ballasting laid, and 85 miles of fencing constructed.

It is asserted by the *Ohio Valley News*, that one by one the manufacturers in the Ohio valley are abandoning the use of natural gas and returning to coal, from the irregular supply and the extortionate price demanded for the gas. "People were assured that gas would be furnished at or below the cost of coal, but the prices charged last year were fully 20 per cent. in advance of coal, and now it is proposed to advance the rate to private consumers 33 per cent. We mistake the temper of our people if they stand it."

THE Michael's Bay Lumber Company is in financial trouble and will probably be liquidated. It is said to owe some \$12,000 for merchandiss purchased for the stores at Michael's Bay. Messrs. Lyon, White, and A. R. Christie are among the principal stockholders.

BLAIS & EMONDS, retail dry goods merchants of Quebec, are stated to have assigned with liabilities of some \$35,000, with nominally the same amount of assets. They began a few years ago, on a limited capital, and those figures seem out of all proportion to what they had when they commenced.

C. S. MILLETTE, of Richmond, Que., a general merchant there for some years, has assigned with liabilities of about \$5,000. The elements of success are apparently lacking in him, as he compromised debts of \$7,600 in January, 1887, at 60 cents in the dollar, and was then supposed to have had a surplus of \$2,000 to the good. He will probably now try his hand at something else.

IN the month of February, 1884, Frank Beltrand commenced business as a grocer in Coatecooke, with a capital of \$3,000. In January, 1886, he sold out, and his available surplus was then only \$700. He shortly afterwards recommenced in the same line, but has apparently lost what little capital he had left, for he now assigns. An easy-going disposition may have to do with his want of success.

THE melancholy due-bill days have come, the saddest of the year. The number of prominent and even wealthy people who rush to resorts in July leaving unpaid bills behind them is enormous. The first weeks of September are settling-up time, and the summer accumulation of bills in the letter-box has made many a cheque book grow thin.—*Philadelphia Times*.

TEN thousand eels from Nova Scotia, weighing five tons, might have been seen wriggling in the well of a schooner at Portland, Me., the other day. They were to be unloaded into eel cars, or perforated tanks, moored to the wharves, thence put into barrels with ice and shipped to Boston, New York, and other places, arriving there alive and fresh.

It is five years since Messrs. Danford Roche & Co. came from Newmarket to compete in dry goods with the score of other houses in Yonge street, Toronto. The change did not result as anticipated, and the firm will return to its first love. This will make vacant the large premises from 198 to 204 Yonge street in this city. No doubt there are plenty of others with sufficient temerity to enter the arena, and this stand will probably not be long without an occupant.

RAOUL DUFRESNE began as a maker of paints and colors in a very small way at Bedford, Que., a few years ago; but he gradually became extended, and in the spring of 1886 opened an office and salesroom in Montreal. The wisdom of this move was questioned at the time, but is now proved, as he calls his creditor together with \$35,000 of debts and assets of about the same amount. His chief creditor is a local private banker, who however holds security for the bulk of his claim.

MR. ASHTON, the late manager of the Halifax Cotton Factory, has entered an action against the company for alleged breach of contract, for which he claims \$5,000, also for \$250, wages due. He was engaged, it appears, by the old management for a certain time, on trial, but the new board cut short the engagement in a manner not pleasing to Mr. Ashton's feelings, hence the suit.

A. W. SMITH, of the firm of Smith, Fischel & Co., cigar manufacturers, Montreal, left town ostensibly for Quebec ten days ago. He appears, however, to have changed his mind, and decided to make Chicago his temporary home. He writes from there that he is not likely to return, and creditors have already taken steps to protect their interests. The present firm was formed in the summer of 1885, with a capital of some \$3,000, which was supplied by the mother of Smith. He was originally of the firm Hartlaub, Smith & Co., and subsequently of Smith, Burch & Co., neither of which concerns proved successful. As the books of the firm have not been written up for some time, no statement of affairs is yet obtainable.

IN the Far West we note that N. N. Cole & Co., dry goods dealers and clothiers at Brandon, are removing to Winnipeg, and in the same town Smith & Winder, general agents, have changed their firm style to Smith, Winder & Roberts; T. R. Rehill, harnessmaker at Emerson, is opening a branch store at Dominion City, and S. Fairbairn, furniture dealer, Minnedosa, will close his store at Rapid City; Wm. Garland will hereafter trade in general goods at Portage la Prairie as Wright, Garland & Co. Jonnasson, Frederickson & Walkley, forwarders and lumber dealers at Selkirk, are organizing a joint stock Co. at Virden. J. J. Caulfield has sold out his stock of drugs, and will confine himself to groceries, etc.; Boyd & Co., gunsmiths, are closing up their business; D. Dalzell, grocer, is retiring; J. W. Herrick & Co., teas, has been closed out, and Noble & Johnson, grocers, are removing to Glenboro. The four traders last named are located at Winnipeg.

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