

Work has commenced in the new Stewart foundry at Woodstock.

J. D. TEETZEL, general merchant at Morveth, will, it is said, go out of business owing to failing health.

A GROCERY clerk at Janesville, Ill., sold a customer sal soda for rock salt, and now the customer wants the proprietor to pay him fifteen dollars for the barrel of pork that was ruined by the mistake of the clerk.—*Chicago Grocer.*

IN New Westminster, B.C., the effects of J. Stirsaky, jeweller, have been covered by a chattel mortgage. Now he makes an assignment.—The effects of W. Turnbull & Co., contractors, in the same place, are advertised for sale by the sheriff.

We read in the *Victoria News* that G. A. Henderson, who has been accountant at the Bank of Montreal since its opening there, has been appointed assistant manager of the Vancouver branch. A. Pitt, of Montreal, will succeed Mr. Henderson.

MRS. FULLQUIVER (to new grocery clerk)—This is not my kerosene can; you've made a mistake. Clerk—I think not ma'am. Mrs. Fullquiver—But I say you have. What makes you think that it belongs to me? Clerk—Because this can is marked 5 gals. and this is the only family on my route with five of 'em.—*N. E. Grocer.*

THEY seem to like Ontario butter down St. John, N. B., way. The *Sun* notes that one firm there, within a short time this year, has paid \$1,500 to an Ontario dealer for dairy butter, such as is furnished by the New Brunswick farmers in quantities insufficient for the demand. A firm on the South Market wharf also handled a large quantity.

"THANK God for a tender conscience! Enclosed 50 cents, full value for petty pilferings from the sale of waste paper some time ago, which I cannot keep, as I am now saved." So runs an unsigned note received at this office on Tuesday last, and which was accompanied by two twenty-five cent shipplasters. There is something practical about this man's new found religion.

THE *Chatham Planet* learns that there is a glib-tongued individual going around selling 25-pound cans of coffee for a ridiculously small sum. When the cans are received they are found to contain nicely browned navy beans with a little coffee essence poured over them. A number have been bitten in that neighborhood. Moral—Buy your coffee, groceries, etc.,

at respectable prices from respectable merchants, and unchain the dog for unknown agents.

THOUGH the registered shipping tonnage of St. John, N. B., is acknowledged by the *Telegraph* to have fallen off sadly of late, it is yet the first ship owning port of the Dominion. The registry shows 163,222 tons, which is slightly greater than the entire Province of Quebec, and more than that of Ontario and P. E. Island, or of Ontario and British Columbia taken together.

LAST week we noted that J. Smithers, harnessmaker, Moosomin, N.W.T., had his premises closed under power of a mortgage. Now he assigns.—The sheriff is in possession of the premises of M. Gentes & Co., grocers, etc., at Boniface, Man., under judgment by an eastern house, and the bailiff occupies the premises of J. A. F. Tizard, provision dealer, Winnipeg, on a claim for rent.

THE well-known New York banking firm of John Paton & Co. will, from the 1st prox., be carried on under the style of Cuyler, Morgan & Co. Mr. Francis Paton, son of Mr. John Paton, remains a general, while the latter becomes a special, partner. Morris K. Jesup also continues a special partner, while the new general partner is Junius Spencer Morgan, a well-known name in New York.

A REQUEST to assign has been made of W. Lunan & Sons, grocers and bakers, at Sorel, Que. The business is a very old one, having been established in 1845, and was for many years a prosperous one. But owing to extensive and unwise building operations, the firm had to suspend in 1883, afterwards compromising at 50 cents in the dollar, and since then the business has been quite a moderate one.

We are told that the new firm, the Canada Paint Company of Montreal and Toronto, has been received with a great deal of favor throughout the Dominion. With all the extended facilities of the company's several factories, it is found necessary to work until midnight to keep pace with orders. Present shipments average four car loads a day, representing an output of about 800 packages of paint per hour.

It is learned by the *Brussels Post* that the financial statement prepared for the creditors of McIntosh & McTaggart showed a surplus of assets over liabilities, and the expectation is that every depositor will receive dollar for dollar as soon as the amounts can be collected.

Mr. McIntosh, who was in the States for a little time, has returned to London, and it is not improbable that he may go to Brussels to assist in closing up the business.

W. F. BENNET & Co., a small concern at New Boyne, near Brockville, have assigned to the sheriff. Mr. B. did a little in shoeing both men and horses, and supplemented his efforts in this direction by doing a sort of small general store business, but never showed much genius for merchandising, and was always reported slow pay.—J. W. McDonald, of Lanark, for the last few years an egg dealer and small store-keeper, has assigned.

THE Canadian postal card has a very "gingerly" look when placed side by side with the new and large one now sold in the States for a cent. Couldn't the Ottawa folks take the hint and give us a little more card for the same money without sensibly reducing the visible supply of manilla? It might help us to close our eyes to the primitiveness of the design that has for so long been masquerading in Italian sky-blue ink on the address-side.

It was shown at the annual meeting of the Hamilton Bridge Co. (limited) held on the 18th, that the company had furnished several important structures for the Grand Trunk, C.P.R. and other railroads in the Dominion, during the year. The following officers were elected: Wm. Hendrie, president; J. S. Hendrie, vice-president; M. Leggat, A. T. Wood, A. Gartshore, directors; J. A. McNicol, engineer and manager; John Stewart, secretary and treasurer.

THE Montreal failures for the week are as follows: F. X. Crevier, tinsmith and plumber, is reported away from the city, and his creditors are called together. He compromised in 1887 at 65 cents in the dollar, and assigned in the following year. Since then he has been using his wife's name.—L. L. Durocher, who began a small jewellery business last fall, has already assigned; liabilities small.—Willoughby Bros., builders, have assigned, owing \$7,638.

A GENERAL trader at Kinburn, Ont., named H. J. Hunt, has assigned. Originally of the firm of Hunt Bros., who failed in 1886, compromising at 70 cents, Mr. H. continued alone, only to "come to grief" again in 1888, when creditors gave him a settlement at 60 cents. What will be done with the estate in the present case is not yet decided; but following the ratio of previous settlements, he will likely get back his stock at 50 cents in the hundred.

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