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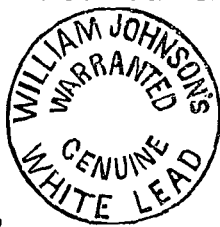
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FISHER & MONTGOMERY, flour dealers, etc., of Regina & Moose Jaw, N.W.T., failed on the 1st ult., with liabilities of \$4,000 to \$5,000, but with no available assets. They formerly did business in Portage la Prairie, Man., and opened up in Regina in March, 1883, with a supposed small capital. Their habits had been business-like until shortly before their failure, and this may be traced to over competition and some personal attributes of the pair. Montgomery was in charge of the Regina branch, and seeing the unavoidable end, "put his house in order" and left for parts unknown. Fisher tried the same game in Moose Jaw, but was only partially successful, as executions were put in the sheriff's hands sooner than he anticipated, but it is very doubtful whether sufficient to pay the aforesaid claims will be realized.

THE RECENT detention of some silk goods imported from the United States for two firms of this city has directed further attention to the methods of American manufacturers in dealing with the Canadian trade. It appeared, in explanation of the present case, that the exporters have two price lists, one for Canadian

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wholesale firms, and probably also for large dealers in their own market, and another for smaller buyers. Should the Customs Appraiser endeavor to obtain prices through a smaller firm in the United States, say in the vicinity of the silk factory, he would probably be misled, and it is presumed that these circumstances were explained to the satisfaction of the Department, as no actual seizure was made in this case. The attention of the Montreal officers was directed to the supposed under-valuation by the zealous Dominion appraiser at Ottawa.

BUSINESS CHANGES.—*Ontario.*—Assigned in trust:—Jas. R. Muir, dry goods, Paris; A. J. Smith, furniture, Phelpsston; W. Conkey, boots and shoes, Stratford; J. A. Pamphilon, dry goods, Toronto; J. E. Lilly, carriages, Dutton; H. Burrows, boots and shoes, Toronto, bailiff in possession. Thos. Foran, storekeeper, Cobden, held a meeting of creditors. *Quebec.*—Assigned in trust.—O. Chagnon, furniture, Montreal and St. Johns; Mrs. Jos. Levesque, milliner, Quebec; L. C. Barney, oils, Montreal; C. N. Meade, general store, Matane. J. Dragon & Co., tailors, Montreal, failed; J. B. Alarie, furni-

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ture, Montreal, offering to compromise at 30 cents in the dollar. *Nova Scotia.*—Thos. Jennings, general store, Pugwash; J. H. Bishop, trader, Wolfville, both assigned in trust. *New Brunswick.*—Harrison, Peters & Co., marble works, and R. Kearns, grocer, St. John, assigned in trust; Hugh Graham, general store, Campbellton, offering to compromise. *P.E.I.*—Ed. Toombs, grocer, Charlottetown, failed. *Newfoundland.*—Gosse & Parsons, general store, Harbor Grace, failed. *Manitoba.* David Evans, tailor, Emerson, assigned in trust.

THE OIL seized by the Customs' officers in possession of four firms in this city and two in Toronto, in connection with the soap-grease question already alluded to in these columns, has been released, it having been ascertained by the Minister that the action of the importers in the premises partook rather of the nature of a mistake than of any intentional violation of the law. "But," the Minister practically says, "you must not do it again." When the diffi-