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THE sale of the Harper & Bros.' property at public auction has been ordered by the Supreme Court of New York. The amount due to the bondholders is fixed at \$3,466,250.

ALTHOUGH he has been a long time in the crockery business in Montreal, Martin Beck has never achieved much in the way of direct success. In 1876 he was reported unsuccessful, and also in 1892. Of late years he has been considered a sort of supply account of a Toronto house, his general credit being restricted, and now he has assigned.

IN the autumn of last year, W. J. Palmer and S. Berling started a furniture business in Montreal, under the somewhat pretentious style of the Brandon Furniture Mfg. Co., and apparently sought to obtain general credit throughout the West. Locally they have been reported slow in paying the smallest bills, and have now filed consent to assign.

THE Cornwall firm of McArthur & Co., dealers in men's furnishings, have made an assignment of their estate. Mr. McArthur had been in a general dry goods business from 1886 to 1897, with very varying success, culminating in his assignment in the latter year, since which date he has done a small haberdashery business under his wife's name.

THE Detroit Free Press says: "Shipments of oil from the Pennsylvania field to Canada, via Buffalo, Black Rock and Suspension Bridge, have been resumed, after a suspension of two years. In October, 1898, the Grand Trunk Railway Company, which carried the bulk of Canada-bound oil from this gateway, raised its rates on petroleum and its products at the instigation of the Standard Oil Company, it is said.

A GLOBE special from Dawson, June 19th (via Vancouver, June 30th), signed by Faith Fenton-Brown, says: "The Royal Commission on the Senkler investigation has closed. Nothing was elicited involving the gold commissioner in crooked work. He comes out spotless. Judge Dugas pronounced severe strictures on the persons making such charges. The complainant, D. G. McTavish, fled the country to escape arrest for criminal libel. Big quartz strikes are reported at Indian river, fifty miles from Dawson."

THE Postmaster-General has perfected arrangements in the mail service, and people in Toronto will now receive their correspondence from Montreal and other points in the east by the first delivery in the morning. When the train arrived yesterday, says the World of Wednesday, locomotives were in waiting, and the mail was delivered to Parkdale in eleven minutes, Spadina avenue branch, seven minutes; Yorkville branch, ten minutes; Riverside branch, seven minutes; and the central office, six minutes. This is the first time that the mail from Montreal and the east has ever been received by the business, as well as the residential section, by the first delivery in the morning.

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