

THE Central Saskatchewan Agricultural Society will hold its third annual exhibition at Saskatoon on Wednesday, 3rd October next.

PIERRE RICARD, a general dealer of Coaticook, Que., has been obliged to assign. He commenced in a modest way, and was apparently doing well, but latterly, having purchased a larger stock and credited too freely, he got beyond his depth. He owes about \$6,000.

AN extension of 3, 6, and 9 months was granted in January last to John H. McLeod, a dealer in gent's furnishings at Woodstock. This has evidently not helped him, for he has now assigned. Free credits and cutting prices are the causes given for his present embarrassment.

THE recently introduced method of paying duty by cheque, as practised in the New York Custom House, is found to work well. It saves all hands a great deal of trouble. The importer deposits gold in the Sub-Treasury, and the amount to his credit is certified to the collector.

AND now comes word of a flour trust which proposes to absolutely control the output, price, and sale of flour in the territory which it will govern. Missouri, Illinois, Kansas, Indiana, Tennessee, and all the millers of winter-wheat States are to meet in St. Louis on the 31st for this purpose.

AFTER a brief experience of little more than a year E. L. Ethier, of the "Hotel Brunswick," at Sorel, Que., has assigned, owing about \$4,000. He had previously been saloon-keeper in Montreal, where he was also unsuccessful, and failed some years ago with pretty heavy liabilities.

MONCTON, N.B., has decided to abolish gas for street lighting purposes, and is receiving tenders for electric lights. The new lights will probably be supplied by the Moncton Gas and Water Company, which now furnishes gas, water and electricity to the inhabitants of that enterprising town.

IT is estimated, says the Stratford Beacon, that there is in Perth county about \$250,000 worth of cheese contained in 80 factories. The highest price offered is 9½c., but holders refuse to take less than 10c. The loss in interest on this amount is at the rate of \$17,000 per year or \$1,500 per month.

A BOOT and shoe dealer at Three Rivers, Quebec, J. E. Godin by name, has assigned, and owes about \$3,000. He has been in business some twenty years, and during that time has twice sought indulgence from creditors; the last time, owing to fire, was in 1886, when he compromised at 25 cents.

COLONEL GOLDIE, of the Control Department stationed at Halifax, is now in Prince Edward Island purchasing horses for cavalry and artillery purposes in the British army, and at the same time to ascertain the number of good horses that could be furnished in case of emergency.

LABOR day was celebrated in Halifax on 2nd August by a procession of 800 workmen, who paraded the streets carrying banners and insignia of their trades. With their wives and daughters they afterwards went on an excursion which is reported as being free from the concomitants which usually characterize such gatherings.

HALIFAX rejoices in being at the head of the list as the healthiest city of the Dominion. The mortuary statistics just issued by the Department of Agriculture give the death rate of Halifax at a fraction over 18 to the 1,000 of population; Toronto being 19, St. John 21, Ottawa 22, Winnipeg 24, Quebec 28, and Montreal 30.

IT is understood that an offer of 50c. on the dollar will be made by James Guest, wholesale liquor dealer, Montreal, whose failure we lately noted, but nothing can be done in the way of a settlement until the meeting called for the 14th inst., at which European creditors will be represented. The direct liabilities are \$67,904, indirect about \$20,000.

THERE is a likelihood that the estate of the suspended wholesale button and smallware firm of Ross, Haskell & Campbell will be wound up. A settlement was proposed upon the basis of 33½c. on the dollar, which the creditors would have accepted had security accompanied the offer, but such was not forthcoming.

IN New York a public exhibition of refining sugar by electricity will be given in a few weeks. The process, which is creating considerable discussion at present, is described as being dry throughout. No syrup whatever is produced, the whole product being sugar of nearly, if not absolute purity, i.e., 100 per cent. cane sugar. The cost of the process is estimated at 80 cents per ton.

A DEMAND of assignment has been made upon the Montreal grocery firm of Grant, McConkey & Co., who have only been in business a year and a half. Three months ago there were rumours current regarding them, but which were then promptly denied, a fair surplus being claimed. Their liabilities will probably be about \$15,000.

TREPANNIER & Co., doing a considerable dry goods business at Quebec and Louisville, Quebec, have assigned after endeavouring to effect a settlement at the rate of 60c. on the dollar. They owe about \$36,000, largely due to one Montreal house. Trepannier failed once before, about twelve years ago, when he settled at 50 cents.

A RECENT departure from Liverpool for Quebec was the steamship Oxenholme. She had on board what is described by the *Canadian Gazette* as being the largest number of sheep ever conveyed to Canada by one vessel. The consignment consisted of 850 head of Shropshire and Southdown sheep. Large purchases of the former are being made in England for Ontario and the North-West.

ANNAPOLIS and Wolfville, both in the celebrated valley of Annapolis, N.S., are preparing for water-works, being spurred into activity by the good results attained by their neighbours, Bridgetown and Kentville. These Nova Scotia towns all seem to have abundant supplies of good water near by, and the cost of laying it down seems very small in comparison with the advantages which it brings.

THE imports of Halifax entered for consumption during July amounted to \$637,797, an increase over July, 1887, of \$185,717. The duty collected last month was \$201,214, an increase over the corresponding month last year of \$62,327. The exports for the same month amounted to \$460,000, or a total foreign trade of \$1,000,000. Inland revenue receipts were \$22,616, against \$14,086.97 last year.

THE country storekeeper carefully examined the samples of cloth while the drummer patiently waited. A customer came, the storekeeper waited on him, then went back to examine the samples, to pull out and untwist the threads. Another customer and more examination; still another customer, and as the storekeeper began again he said: "Are these samples in style?" "They were," replied the discouraged drummer, "when you began to look at them, but that was so long ago that I can't answer for them now."—*Detroit Free Press.*

A WRITER in the *American Magazine* for July says that it is a peculiarity of the Indian of Ecuador that he will sell nothing at wholesale nor will he trade anywhere but in the market place, where he and his forefathers have sold "garden-truck" for three centuries. He will carry goods ten miles, and dispose of them for less than he was offered at home.

AT the meeting held last Friday of the creditors of C. Richardson & Co., pickle manufacturers in this city, the statement submitted showed considerable difference from that presented a few months ago. The surplus then was estimated at \$27,000; to-day the figures are, assets, \$21,000; liabilities, \$24,000. A committee has been appointed to look into the matter, and will report at the meeting to be held to-day. The shrinkage is accounted for by the depreciation in values of some lines of canned goods and evaporated apples, but is principally due to the diminished value of the real estate.

THERE is to be a cheap trip to Montreal, from all points on the lines of the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railways, towards the end of this month. The rate is about one cent a mile each way from Toronto and points west, and from points east of Toronto and south and east of Montreal, single fare for return tickets. While this is not essentially a buyer's excursion, it is probable that not a few merchants will combine a little business with what will doubtless prove a pleasant outing.

WHO would have thought it? Harry Webb failed! It has long been considered the proper thing to have this popular caterer attend to the gastronomic wants of all the leading public and private dinners in this city, and the prevailing supposition was that his skill in this direction was attended with considerable profit. This was a correct impression, but in an evil hour Mr. Webb stepped from his beaten path and went into railway, real estate, and other ventures, with the result that to-day his assets are not readily convertible into the necessary money with which to meet liabilities of about \$170,000. It is thought, however, that with a little time in which to dispose of the real estate, creditors will be paid in full, and Mr. Webb's legitimate and profitable business left intact. An assignment has been made to J. B. Boustead.

THE case of W. J. Lindsay, Sarnia, is another in which business difficulties are brought about by the failure of Crawford & Co., London. Mr. Lindsay calls his millinery store "The Syndicate." It remains to be seen whether or not it is powerful enough to surmount the present trouble.—Ever since the Hughes Bros.' failure, P. J. Keating, a city tailor, has been in deep water. His assign-

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