

MR. BANNATYNE, late of the Winnipeg Customs, has opened a general store at Souris City.

J. R. COLE, a Montreal jeweller, has assigned in trust. He owes about \$2,000 and has assets to about the same figure.

THE successors to the firm of Baker & Harris forwarders, Emerson, are Harris and Champion instead of Baker & Champion.

THE public bath-houses in Boston were closed Sept. 30, after having been used by more than a million bathers during the season.

D. CHOQUETTE, Grocer, of St. Hyacinthe, Que., has assigned and stock has been sold at seventy cents on the dollar. Liabilities \$1,600.

ACCORDING to *L'Electeur*, of Quebec the season has been a bad one for tugs on the St. Lawrence, very few having made money this year.

ALFRED MALLETTE, a young grocer of Montreal, who succeeded his brother eighteen months ago, has failed, owing about \$2,300, of which \$1,900 is due to his brother and father. The former of whom compromises the balance of liabilities and will resume the business.

A SMALL concern with a big name, the Hong Kong Tea Co. was opened in this city in June last. The proprietors Wm. Watson and Walter Wright, had very little capital and not much experience in this business. It is not very wonderful therefore that the bailiff has taken possession for rent past due.

THE Montreal steam Crane Co. is now fully organized with R. C. Adams as President; Jackson Rae, Vice President, and Messrs. J. P. Cleghorn, W. R. Elmenhorst and W. F. Torrance as directors. Half of the authorized capital of \$40,000 has already been paid up.

TIMOTHY DEVANE, a manufacturer of Agricultural implements at St. Hyacinthe was burnt out last month and is trying to arrange a compromise at ten cents in the dollar. The Jacques Cartier Bank and the Seminary of St. Hyacinthe have claims for some \$20,000 and hold nearly all the available assets as security.

BUSINESS of every description pays well in Winnipeg, says the *Commercial*, if properly attended to, but "a bar and a billiard hall on a prominent thoroughfare is evidently a small gold mine to its proprietor. We are informed upon the most reliable authority that one prominent institution of this class on Main street cleared over \$10,000 net profits during the past three months."

AT the beginning of November the patent on the sleeping cars owned by the Pullman Company expires. From that time any company may make use of the various improvements the company has introduced. The Pullman Co., has 900 cars running in the U. S. & Canada, the Wagner Co., about 250. Respecting the companies running from Montreal, the Grand Trunk contract does not expire for four years.

SAMUEL A. Grant, a trader and fish merchant of Gaberous N. S., has left for pastures new, after victimizing a good many of his neighbors. He settled with most of his creditors last year at about 25 per cent. and since then has not been doing much business. He was a councillor for the district and is stated to have passed several road orders for different parties at the County Treasurer's office and to have the money with him.

TIME was when \$300 or \$400 was considered a very large sum for a single tug to make by taking her complement of five or six vessels through from Lake Huron to Lake Erie, or vice versa. But we see that \$720 was obtained by the tug *Champion* the other Sunday for towing four schooners down, while the *Amherstburg Echo* states that the tug *Crusader*, Capt. E. C. Gat-

field, passed up Detroit river last week with four schooners, their total tonnage being 3,145 tons, and their tow bills aggregating \$775.

L. A. GOYETTE, general dealer, of Iberville, Q., is one of the unfortunates who gave accommodation to Esinhart, the absconding chief magistrate of the town. It now transpires that the amount is larger than at first supposed, and he finds himself so embarrassed that a composition will be needed to enable him to continue. His liabilities, including accommodation, are about \$5,000, assets not much exceeding \$3,000.

ON Monday of last week, a meeting was held in the City Hall Chambers in Winnipeg, for the purpose of forming an association for mutual insurance against fire. Mr. W. W. Banning was elected president and Mr. A. Lake secretary, and these officers were instructed to make direct application to the Provincial Secretary for a warrant of incorporation. The names of 40 freeholders required by the Manitoba Statute were obtained, and about \$90,000 of funds.

IT is easier to purchase a Minnesota prairie chicken in New York than it is in Winona, "and the reason why is easily told: it affords a better profit to sell them there than here," says a Wisconsin paper. Chicago is said to be the greatest game-collecting city in the world. But the game is not eaten there. It is sent on to New York, where the people are able and willing to pay higher prices for it than can be obtained for it in the West. The principal sources of the game supply are the States of Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota and Missouri. Chicago game commission merchants hire men by the year to follow the game in the various States in its season.

SOME of the wholesale people of Montreal were rather startled a few days ago by the announcement that the firm of Morin & Co., of St. Cesaire, Que., doing the largest business in the place was embarrassed and likely to assign. This firm has been widely spread for some time, doing a large saw mill and lumber business in addition to their extensive store. They claim a surplus of \$20,000, but it is feared that a composition may be necessary. The senior partner has resided for some little time in the United States and until he arrives no decided action can be taken. The liabilities are said to reach the very respectable figure of \$60,000.

THE list of general store-keepers in Ontario contains quite a number of changes since our last, Messrs. Steel & Bish, of Thornbury, have dissolved partnership, while, at Drayton, John Whyte and John B. Powley have formed a fresh one. Mr. John Denny, of Southampton, advertises his business for sale; so does J. W. Ortwein, of Heidelberg. R. Balfour, of Brooklyn, has sold out to R. C. Warren; George McKenzie at Fingal, W. R. Scott at Luther, Jas. Graham at Creek-Bank, and James Williams at Tilsonburg have all sold out, the last-named intending to go to Manitoba. William Watson, whose store is at Blyth, has assigned.

WHEAT was selling in Portage la Prairie at from 80 to 82c. per bushel on the 17th; oats, however, were bringing 50c. Similar prices are reported as prevailing at Emerson, wheat ranging from 78 to 85c. At Brandon, says the *Commercial's* correspondent, wheat was selling during the week at 75c. to 80c.; potatoes, 55c. Coal is worth \$20 a ton, and wood \$10 a cord. In Winnipeg, prices for fuel were \$14 per ton for anthracite and \$12 for bituminous coal; \$7 per cord for dry poplar wood, and \$9 for tamarac. Prices of lumber per thousand ft.: Sheeting, \$28; common dimension, \$30 to \$32; fencing, \$28 to \$34; stock, \$33 to \$40; flooring, \$35 to \$45; partition, \$45 to \$50; graded clear, \$50 to 70; shingles, \$4.50 to \$6; lath, \$5.

You never know how much water an umbrella is capable of containing until you accidentally stand it against the wall and on the pearl-colored carpet that cost \$5 per yard.—[Puck.]

MR. EDWARD JACK writes to the *St. John Telegraph* in behalf of the fishing population of Gloucester county, N. B., which, he says have no railway connection. In 1881 the value of the Gloucester fisheries, conducted almost entirely by Acadian fishermen, was \$518,728, which product could be quadrupled in a few years, so says Mr. Jack, if the people only had railway communication with, say, Chicago. The province of New Brunswick has already granted \$3,000 per mile to the Caraquet railway, and the letter hints that the Dominion ought to do something in the same direction. Altogether, Mr. Jack makes out that the Gloucester people are in a pretty bad way. He has a good word, however, for the harbor of Shippegan, which he says surpasses that of Shediac, Newcastle, or Campbellton.

SIXTY rubber manufacturing firms, having capital of thirty million dollars, were represented at a meeting held in New York last week. Resolutions were adopted declaring it the duty of the rubber manufacturers of this country and Europe to do all they can to protect the public against a continuance of gigantic speculation. Agreements were adopted that the makers of Rubber boots and shoes close their factories on Dec. 23rd, and keep them closed till the price of rubber falls to a point which warrants resuming business. Crude rubber appears to have advanced from 65 cents to \$1.20 per pound in three years. The manufacturers of other kinds of rubber goods agreed to reduce the amount of crude rubber consumed 25 per cent. after the 1st. prox. A committee of five was appointed to mature a plan for the organization of a Rubber Importing Company with a capital of not less than \$5,000,000, and report the same to a meeting of rubber manufacturers to be called as soon as the plan is perfected. This closed the proceedings of the convention.

A RECENT London letter warns American publishers who expect an English market for their Christmas and New Year's cards to bestir themselves. The writer had seen last year an American card labelled as a specimen of a \$500 or perhaps \$1000 prize; but now learns of a London firm, Hildesheimer & Faulkner, who appear to have spent this year the respectable sum of £5,000 sterling in prizes for designs. They even organized an exhibition last summer, with Mr. Millais for one of the judges and a crowd of spectators to help him. A similar proceeding has been adopted in Canada by Messrs. Barber & Ellis, who offer prizes to the extent of \$600 for the three designs for Christmas cards, pronounced by a committee of artists to be the best, and for the three best in the opinion of amateurs and the public, who shall decide on the merits at the Academy Exhibition. Such a broad and liberal offer as this deserves to meet with a ready response from our designers, as the cards are likely to do from the public. Probably the earliest house in the market to get samples of cards before the trade was the Toronto News Co., whose assortment embraces some 400 different designs of their own especial line, besides which they handle those of L. Prang & Co. of Boston. Every one is familiar with the great delicacy of Prang's cards, both in design and execution. The new line offered by the News Company, contains a large variety, not only in color and design but in size and price, Easter cards, which came out in such profusion a year or two ago, are found rather slow of sale. But the list of these illuminated messengers is long, for are there not Thanksgiving day cards, wedding-congratulation cards, New Year's day