

We learn that Mr. J. W. Cochrane, of Crystal City, Manitoba, has bought out the share formerly held by D. Manson, in the flour milling business at that place, and will carry it on alone.

A PARIS telegram of the 23rd instant states that the Senate has agreed to the law by which the Government assumes the monopoly of the manufacture of matches. This is a different story from that told by the cable last week, which was that the popular Chamber had condemned the measure.

THE Regina Leader, in its issue of Aug. 15, 1889, published a list of buildings built or under construction at that time, estimating the amount of money expended on them up to that date at \$140,000. A correspondent of the Winnipeg Free Press places the amount so spent in Regina up to the end of the year at \$200,000.

A CORRESPONDENT, writing from Sherbrooke to the St. John's News, says that Archibald Macdonald, of that city, has secured a mining property on the west shore of Lake Memphremagog. "Specimens seen show fully 70 per cent. of galena. Mr. Macdonald informs us that there is a three feet vein of this, running through the centre of a decomposed quartz reef." He thinks that it also carries gold.

THE fact is recalled by the Dry Goods Chronicle that Philip Livingston, as a New York merchant, and one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, dealt in spermaceti candles, breeches, knee-buckles, tea, Irish linen, molasses, wine, brass thimbles, and combs. He was one of the leading merchants of his day. In those days, a merchant handled all classes of goods, groceries, notions, in fact, everything that was brought to the market by land or by sea.

In the city of Quebec, we note the following commercial disasters:—F. X. Lepage, for some twenty-five years in the dry goods trade, has assigned, liabilities, \$10,752. He compromised about a year ago at 75 cents on the dollar, when he owed over \$24,000.—P. C. D'Auteuil & Co., another dry goods concern, who were also in difficulties just a year ago, have again failed, and are said to owe \$21,000. Last year their liabilities were nearly \$50,000, on which they offered 60 cents, the offer was refused and they subsequently bought in the stock at 65 cents.—Noel & Co., a hardware concern, whose business career in the past has been marked by a lack of success, are offering

50 cents on the dollar, they owe \$2,500.—Ambroise Deblois, grocer, a sufferer by the late St. Sauveur fire, and who has also made some loss through the failure of a relative, has failed with small liabilities.

ONLY about a year ago, D. McKechnie, began business as a grocer in Georgetown. Today he finds his assets considerably less than of his liabilities, and he will probably assign.—C. B. Bennett, general storekeeper at Port Robinson, is also in trouble. He owes \$3,400, and has assets of \$2,300. His creditors have given him two years extension, in order, if possible, to recoup his losses.—H. E. Hamilton & Co., wholesale boot and shoe manufacturers, whose affairs have been noted some time, have assigned.

A SHOPKEEPER, to attract trade, offers every purchaser of a pair of rubbers a plush handbag to keep them in, or it may be used for shopping. They are of little value, but there are people who have such a fancy for getting something for nothing that they forget they must pay just so much more for the rubbers, or put up with a poorer quality. Some one suggested this to a woman who was making a purchase. She said: "Well, if the rubbers don't wear well I'll try another pair, and then, you see, I'll have another bag."—Shoe and Leather Reporter.

THE Dairymen's Association of Eastern Ontario will hold its annual convention in Belleville, on the 8th and 9th of January next. Addresses will be delivered on dairy farming, best breeds of cattle, cheese and butter making, construction of silos, ensilage for cattle, and everything pertaining to the welfare of the farmer who produces good pure milk, butter, and cheese: Prof. J. P. Roberts, of Cornell University, N.Y.; Governor Hoard, of Wisconsin, U.S.; and Prof. Robertson, of Guelph, are among the intended speakers.

S. M. ROBINSON began the dry goods business in Georgetown about five years ago and made but little progress. He has assigned.—So has Mary McQuillan, who did a small business at Guelph.—Other assignments are those of S. Burnham, butcher, Mount Albert, Hugh Stewart, harness maker, Norwich, J. A. McConnell, trader, Township of Rawdon, and W. D. Powel, brickmaker, Richmond Hill.—At Sault Ste. Marie, Samuel Fox, furniture dealer who has been in business over ten years, did not succeed quite as well as he wished, and in August last he advanced his wife \$1,000 to purchase gro-

ceries, the business to be carried on in her name (M. A. Fox). They have both assigned.—In 1877 F. P. Fitzmaurice began business as a grocer in St. Catharines. The year following he failed and compromised with his creditors at 40 cents in the dollar, cash. He has again assigned.—C. Armstrong has been existing as a confectioner at Trenton about eight years. He has at last made an assignment.

L. N. BOISCLAIR, a general dealer in a small way, at Nicolet, Que., is offering creditors 60 cents in the dollar, secured by his father, on liabilities of about \$2,000.—At Mattawa, P. Pigeon, a dealer in a more extended way, has failed, owing \$8,367.—A. Belanger & Frere, bought out the store business of O. Boisvert, at Angeline, in 1887, they are already reported as failed.

We learn that it is the intention of Messrs. Maitland & Rixon, lumbermen and forwarders at Owen Sound, to make a change in their firm on the 1st January, 1890. They have moved their saw mill to Owen Sound and combine the two businesses into one firm, the style of which will be Maitland, Rixon & Co. One business to be carried on will be forwarding, lumbermen and contractors' supplies, saw-milling, and lumber dealing. The members of the firm are J. W. Maitland, H. Rixon, J. G. Ainslie, and W. Stodart. The management of the forwarding and lumbermen and contractors' supplies will be conducted by Maitland & Rixon, that of the mill and lumber business by Stodart & Ainslie. They expect to start sawing early in March next.

THERE were a number of small failures in Toronto the past week; among them are the following: F. L. Sanagan, tailor, came here from London, Ont., a couple of years ago, and now finds that he owes \$2,000 with only about half this sum in nominal assets to pay with.—A. J. Marks, who failed as a stone-cutter some years ago, has assigned as a builder with liabilities of \$6,000. His assets are less than half of this sum.—W. P. Hendershott, who has been doing a small stationery and fancy goods business since October last, has already failed.—The Gray & Harold Manufacturing Company in this city has been dissolved, and the business will be continued under the style of R. H. Gray & Co.—The Globe Tobacco Works in Detroit has sold its Canadian business to P. Benetau, Windsor.—David Henderson, dealer in stoves and tins in London has called a meeting of his creditors.

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