

take advantage of the situation, which many believe they do much to create, to forward their own plans. That the revolutionary caudron is nearly ready to overflow is the general belief; and certainly the symptoms are such as generally precede revolution in France. The army is said to be staunch for the Republic and the navy not a serious source of danger. The Royalist aspirants are closely watched, and it is difficult to believe that the Republic is in immediate danger.

It is now over thirty years since Murdock Bros. began business at Bowmanville as grocers, etc., and they seemed to be prosperous until fifteen years ago. Then they compromised liabilities of \$38,000 at 40 per cent. Having felt the effects of competition more severely since, and being of late overloaded with stock, they make an assignment.—A butcher named R. Crosby, who did a small business in London, has assigned.—The sheriff is in possession of the grocery and clothing stock of Lavin & Wildman at Rat Portage. This was formerly a branch of the parent shop at Winnipeg, which was closed some months ago.—Mrs. Little, grocer, wife of A. J. Little, Windsor, tried to extend her business beyond her small resources; now she finds she has too many small debts which she cannot collect, and has put her affairs into the hands of an assignee.

The week's business casualties in the Province of Quebec are as follows:—Joseph Fortier, a dealer in agricultural implements, organs, etc., at Louiseville, has suspended, and his estate is in the hands of his creditors; he owes \$6,268, assets nominally \$7,000.—A general storekeeper at St. Pierre les Besquets, named George Perrault, lately reported failed, is offering twenty-five cents on the dollar.—The creditors of J. D. Buchanan, general dealer, Lake Megantic, have had a meeting, at which he proposed an extension of time, but creditors prefer a compromise at eighty cents in the dollar, provided he could furnish security.—F. X. Caron, a roofer, at Longue Pointe, has been served with a demand of assignment, which, however, he is contesting.—A. Limoges, general storekeeper and lumber dealer at St. Eustache, reported assigned a few weeks ago, met his creditors on the 19th inst., when a statement was submitted showing liabilities of \$21,000, assets \$17,000. He made an offer of thirty-five cents, which creditors declined, and instructed the assignee to wind up the estate.—Wm. Murray, a jobbing grocer of Sherbrooke, and a prominent and

popular citizen, who has filled the office of Mayor of the place for several terms, finds himself hampered through over investment in real estate, and has been consulting his creditors. It is probable a cash settlement at fifty cents in the dollar will be arranged.

MARITIME COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS.

The annual meeting of the Maritime Commercial Travellers' Association was held in the board of trade rooms at Halifax, on the evening of December 14th.

According to the reports presented the past year was a prosperous one for the association; while the membership has reached the highest point in the history of the association, it has not been found necessary to make a single claim on the mortuary benefit fund. Five accident indemnity claims were made during the year, and promptly paid under the general policy which the association has with the London Guarantee and Accident Co., Ltd. This company carries the accident policies on the lives of members, who are entitled to \$1,000 in case of death, and various indemnities for injury. The directors have made for the ensuing year arrangements for accident insurance with the same company at, we are told, a reduced premium.

The treasurer's statement showed an increase in the funds of the association on the year of \$1,659.13, making the total resources of the association, including \$3,500 loaned on mortgage, \$7,533.44.

The election of officers for 1893 resulted as follows:

President—Edward Stairs.

Vice do. (for Nova Scotia)—J. P. Wallace, G. A. Woodill, W. J. Stewart and B. Quinan.

Vice do. (for New Brunswick)—W. S. Fisher, F. G. W. Brock, G. F. A. Anderson and John W. Robertson.

Treasurer—Wm. Robertson.

Secretary—G. E. Faulkner.

Directors—A. Troop, J. B. Wier, F. C. Simson, E. A. England, E. B. Elliott and H. J. Wellner.

—There is an apparent disposition to exaggerate the disturbance and anxiety in financial circles caused by the recent and prospective exports of gold, says the *New York Bulletin*. Twice during the past week something like a scare has been started, and has subsided as quickly as the incidents on which it was based were fully understood. There has really

been no new development to justify in the slightest degree the unsettled and apprehensive feeling thus indicated. It is simply the inevitable result of continued silver purchases and silver note issues by the Government. Every day that the operations of the silver law go on the difficulties of the currency situation increase, and with every shipment of gold and every incident that serves to attract public attention to the condition of the currency, there is renewed evidence of distrust. There is but one remedy—the repeal of the law that makes the mischief; and the influences in favor of this action are gathering force with every development of the financial situation at home and abroad.

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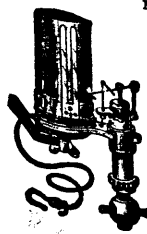
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