

HAMILTON grocers will hold their annual picnic on July 20th.

FRIDAY last was the one hundredth anniversary of the New York Stock Exchange.

It is proposed to form a company in Hamilton for the manufacture of ornamental tiles.

At Stratford, Alex. Anderson, the Macdonald Manufacturing Company's book-keeper, has been defaulting. He was sentenced to six months imprisonment, with hard labor.

THE largest plate of glass ever cast and successfully polished is, says the N. Y. *Drug Reporter*, now in the shipping room of the Elwood Plate Glass Works. It is 127x200 inches, and is without doubt the largest ever cast and polished in the world.

ILL health and increasing years have compelled Mr. A. J. Allworth to resign his position as manager of the Southern Loan Co. of St. Thomas. A successor has been chosen in the person of Mr. J. W. Stewart, who for eleven years has been the accountant.

THE *Bulletin* notes that a particularly fine counterfeit was detected at the Sub-Treasury on Monday. It is the production of a pen and ink artist, who did his work so well that the bill passed through one of the New York banks without detection. The counterfeit is of a \$50 greenback of the series of 1880.

THE *Clinton New Era* says: The merchants here are now paying 6½ cents per lb. for eggs. People who vainly suppose that there is "big money" in the export of eggs to Great Britain will be interested in knowing that on a single shipment made last year—and under apparently favorable circumstances—Mr. Wilson, of Seaforth, had the misfortune to drop \$2,500.

HUGH N. SHAW, a retail coffee and tea dealer of Ottawa, has assigned. He began only a year ago in Sparks street on very limited capital.—James W. Agret, a dealer in lumber at Ottawa, and heretofore of Portage du Fort, has also assigned.—A harness-maker in Smith's Falls, named A. W. Chester, has turned over his estate to the assignee, and owes about \$2,400, principally in Hamilton and Toronto; apparent assets, \$777.

We learn that Louis Chevalier, a jobbing and retail shoe dealer of Montreal, who was appointed Chief of Revenue Police upon the late change of Government at Quebec, has made an assignment of his estate, and purposes asking a compromise. His liabilities are estimated at from \$15,000 to \$20,000, principally owing to five or six Quebec manufactur-

ers. Mr. C. had a snug cash capital on going into the shoe trade several years ago, but has the name of selling on very narrow margins.

A GENERAL country dealer at Montmagny, Que., C. A. Mercier by name, has assigned with business liabilities of \$5,479, and a debt to his wife of \$2,000. Mr. Mercier is quite an old trader in the locality, but is reported to have arranged more than one compromise in the past.—Desparais & Frere, shoe dealers at Valleyfield, Que., have compromised at 40 cents in the dollar cash. They were burned out on April 18th, and were only insured for \$2,000, stock destroyed being estimated at \$4,000 or more.

THE withdrawal of Mr. Thos. Thompson from the extensive retail dry goods house of Thos. Thompson & Son, King st., Toronto, while making no change in the style, effects a dissolution in the firm which has been established since 1847. Mr. Thomas Thompson's sons, Messrs. Boyce and Thomas C., will, we understand, continue the business. The former has been a member of the firm for thirteen years and for the last three years the active partner. The founder of the house was their grandfather, Thos. Thompson.

THERE were, says the *St. John Sun*, sold at Chatham, N. B., recently, under a decree of the court, certain properties of the New Brunswick Trading Company consisting of 23,000 acres of land, a steam mill, a water mill site opposite Chatham, two tugs, a schooner, ten leases affording facilities to the Black Brook saw mill and water mill site, \$5,000 worth of stock in the Miramichi Boom Co., debentures of said company and a mortgage interest in the Tracadie steam mills. These properties, which are said to have cost \$250,000, were purchased by the bank for \$80,000.

A GROCER at Riviere du Loup en bas, A. Lebrun, who has been chiefly dependent for a living upon the trade to be done with summer visitors at that distant watering place, has had to assign. He has been in business some years, but has always been handicapped by a lack of capital.—Nathan Friedman, a small Montreal jeweller, who recently assigned, has agreed to pay his liabilities of \$18,000 in full, in 2, 4, 6 and 8 months, creditors agreeing to pay curator's fees.—We hear of the assignment of Mrs. Houlahan, a leading milliner of Sherbrooke, Que., at the demand of Messrs. Thomas May & Co.

A BUSINESS man recently said to the *North-Western Lumberman*: "I used to think that I

did not receive my money's worth unless I could trace a certain number of sales to some particular 'ad.' I am over that. I meet the demand of machinery in my line, and having done that I want to be known, and known all the time. I advertise, say in a dozen papers, and a man comes along and buys a big bill of goods. Can he tell me what particular paper directed him to my works? No, not once in a hundred times. I have been advertising for years so he may know where I am, and when he wants to buy he comes to me. Make first-class machinery, let everybody know where the machinery can be had, and then treat your customers white, is the way to get business."

THE firm of Mann & Durham, lumber dealers, at Brandon, who assigned some weeks ago with large liabilities, have called a meeting of creditors for Monday next.—When the railway was completed to Glenboro in the fall of 1886, Livingstone & Co. opened a general store there, but they do not appear to have made the progress expected. Therefore an assignment was considered in order.—An offer of compromise at 75 per cent. is made by Richard Tees, who began a general business at Moosomin in 1885 with a capital of \$500. Up to the spring of 1888, when his brother failed in Winnipeg, he did very well, but unfortunately he had endorsed paper for the brother to the extent of \$5,000; now he finds that he cannot pay creditors and meet the last \$800 due the bank.

QUITE a number of business changes are announced this week in Ontario. Among them we note that Jos. Freeman has sold his general stock at Britton's Corners, and that Burk Bros. are the purchasers.—A. Thomson has purchased Peter Hay's stock of bar box furniture, at Hamilton, for \$2,600.—Thompson & Co., at Millbank, general storekeepers, have sold out to S. J. Nicklin, who removes from Newton.—We learn that E. J. Cassell, who has for a long time done a successful business at Maynooth and Bancroft, in the northern part of Hastings County, has sold the stock at the latter place, amounting in value to \$7,000, to Mullett & Sargent, at a discount of some 18 per cent.—A general storekeeper at Plesher-ton Station, named D. D. McFarlane, has removed to Saintfield.—James Haryett has bought the general stock of his brother Samuel, at Maynooth.—N. Courtemanche has sold his general store at Penetanguishene to Dyson & Gillespie.—D. W. Dulmage, of Petrolia, has disposed of his dry goods stock.—J. Davidson has bought the grocery stock of W. F.

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