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houses. Latterly they had devoted most of their attention to the purchase of bankrupt steeks, and kept a store at Coaticooke for the purpose of running these off. They are creditors of Alex. Walker for some \$5,490, presumed accomodation, which, no doubt, has something to do with the present state of their affairs.

—The Montreal, Ottawa and Western Railway is now carrying produce and producers from Lachute, about 50 miles distant from Montreal, in three or four hours. The journey heretofore for a farmer with his horse and sleigh occupied two or three days. Western papers in publishing this bit of news, substitute Lachine for Lachute.

-- It is reported that B. Copeman, grocer, of this city, is in difficulty, precipitated by his connection with J. R. Winters, the Belleville "Cheap John" referred to in our last issue, and also with H. Wolf of Trenton, another of the same class, with whom he has some \$6,000 or \$7,000 involved. Mr. Copeman's business career has been an exemplary one, and he enjoys the esteem of all who have done business with him; it is true he has shown a lack of judgment in having transactions of such extent with persons of so questionable a standing, but we feel assured that he will meet with due consideration at the hands of his creditors. Since writing the above we learn that a writ of attachment was issued Thursday morning, and that his liabilities will amount to about \$18,000.

— The cattle and other live animals on their way from the West to our shambles have had a hard time of it during the snow storms of the last week. The roads have been blocked, the stock cars are snowed up, and the beasts are detained on the journey, while numbers of the sufferers are crowded together at different points, awaiting transportation eastward. The remnant of their days is full of socrow, and the meat will not be so good in consequence of their trials. Cattle do not enjoy cur travel under the best circumstances; they prefer to meditate

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in pastures or at stalls; and the unusual delays and hardships of the last week or ten days must have been very wearing on them. However, man and beast are doomed to suffering, in these days of strikes, burnings and other railway horrors.

- James McPherson, one of the most prominent merchants of St. Johns, Que., is reported as being in trouble, and upon demand of the Merchants Bank, assigned last Saturday. He claims that, with time, he can meet his liabilities in full, but, being naturally of a very sanguine temperament, creditors are disposed to question his ability to do so, and consider his assets overestimated. Mr. McPherson is a trader of long standing, and commenced originally in the grocery line in which he was successful, but in an evil hour was induced to embark in grain and hay operations, which resulted disastrously, and in 1872 he failed, subsequently compromising at 25 cents on the dollar, secured by Messrs. Sinclair, Jack & Co, who were his principal creditors. In 1874 he sold out his grocery business, and devoted himself to a general provision business, in quite an extensive way, jobbing to the surrounding country dealers. He was a sufferer by the late fire, but not to any serious extent, and the news of his second failure caused. a general feeling of surprise. It is presumed that the circumstances which caused the first failure, viz., a desire to do a business beyond his resources, have had something to do with his

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present troubles, and his liabilities are spoken of as likely to be very large.

— The new oil refinery which is being finished at St. Thomas by Mr. Ira V. Thompson, of London, is situated about ten minutes' walk east of the Canada Southern Railway station. It is estimated that the still will give five runs of 70 barrels each in two weeks, or at the rate of 175 barrels per week. The C. S. R. Company have agreed to put in a siding to connect with the works.