

JOHN KIDD, who for many years did a successful business in Seaforth, died a few days ago.

THE stock of a Winnipeg firm of grocers, Nagle & Co., is advertised by the sheriff as for sale. If it should have the luck to bring a fair price, creditors may have the good fortune to be paid in full.

THE dry goods firm of Messrs. Scott & Paisley find it needful to ask their creditors for an extension. Local creditors are willing, it is said, to give them 3, 6 and 9 months' time, and one of the firm is to ask Ontario and Quebec creditors for a like favor.

A TRAIN of twenty-one cars of flour shipped by Messrs. A. W. Ogilvie & Co., from Winnipeg on the 28th of March arrived at Hochelaga on Friday last, April 6th. The flour was carried over the "Canada Pacific and Vanderbilt combination routes."

A two hundred ton schooner is being built by Mr. Bouchard at Petite Riviere, St. Francois, and that the Messrs. Tremblay are building two others, of about one hundred tons each, at Les Eboulements, Que. These vessels are intended for the Montreal and Lower Province trade.

ABOUT thirty of the old pilots were examined before the Harbor Commissioners on Saturday last, says the Quebec Chronicle, as to their fitness for service during the coming season. They all had their certificates renewed, except one, who was placed on the pension list.

THE firm of Messrs. Wightman Bros., who did business in Port Perry and Oshawa, was dissolved in August 1881. James Wightman, who continued the old business in the former place, is now in difficulty, and assigns with liabilities of \$22,000. His estate shows assets slightly in excess of this sum, and he has offered creditors 85 per cent of their claims. This was refused, and the business may be wound up.

Among the minor failures of the week we note that of Wm. Jarvis, general storekeeper at Port Sydney, Muskoka. It appears he has been reckless in conducting a business that he did not understand, his former occupation being that of a contractor. The stock is advertised for sale.

D. F. Forward, a Bath foundryman, who has been in business thirty years, and was supposed to have been worth a fair surplus, has assigned. He was an economical and industrious man, and we have not learned the cause of this trouble.

A Belleville grocer, S. Ross, failed a second time in February, 1882, and compromised at 50 per cent. He is now in trouble again, and has assigned.—Henry Ho per, a Flesherton cabinet maker, who has always found it difficult to make "ends meet," has assigned.—William Mogk, a small shoe dealer in Berlin, finds his premises seized for rent. He has also been sued for more than half the value of his assets.

Mr. Morgan Davies, the tea dealer at Bowmanville, has compromised at forty-five per cent.—A general storekeeper at Burgessville, named A. Dickson, who did a snug business and seemed likely to succeed, has assigned.—The sheriff is in possession of the boot and shoe stock of Geo. Lumley, in London, who is in debt to one firm in this city \$2,200. He claims to have \$3,000 worth of stock.—The effects of B. F. Lewis, Napanee, are also in possession of the sheriff.

—Angus McIntyre, general storekeeper, Markdale, was in difficulties in 1880, since which he has not made any progress; now he has assigned.—Wm. Martin began the grocery business in July, 1881, in this city, with \$800. The first year he claimed to have made a profit of \$1000; an easy thing to claim such a result, but a different thing to reach it, so no wonder his creditors doubted it. He was besides, reputed a poor buyer and lately slow pay; his assignment is not an entire surprise.—The boot and shoe business of John Damer ought to be wound up. He offers 50 per cent., but if even if this be accepted he cannot succeed, unless sudden reform takes place in his habits.

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE CO. OF CANADA.—The large aggregate of life and accident policies issued by this company in 1881, has been exceeded in the course of last year, the figure reached being \$3,271,186 against \$2,979,010 in the twelve months previous. The growth has been in the accident department which shows an increase in amount of \$650,000. The total income reached last year was \$254,841 as compared with \$182,000 in 1881, an increase of nearly 30 per cent. Life claims made footed up \$50,451 which was \$12,500 within the expectancy. We have the assurance of one of the board that the whole of the assets, including the real estate and mortgage loans, (amounting last year to \$235,000) are in the very best possible condition. The aggregate payments made to policy-holders since the company's formation foot up \$330,000. The reduction of nine per cent. in the ratio of expenses to income is a feature upon which the manager prides himself, and with reason; while the surplus of \$101,601 is a gratifying feature for policy-holders, present or prospective.

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