

A CHATHAM firm is constantly shipping beans to the Spanish West Indies.

MESSRS. PATTERSON & CORBIN, of St. Catharines, have secured the contract to furnish the city of Brantford with electric street cars.

THE James Morrison Brass Manufacturing Company, with headquarters at Toronto, and capital \$300,000, applies to be incorporated at Ottawa by letters patent.

INVESTORS are asked to tender for the purchase of \$120,000 worth of sewerage debentures, issued by the town treasurer of Toronto Junction. They are part of an issue of \$150,000 four per cent., forty years.

LOCAL improvement debentures to the amount of \$10,000 have been issued by the town of Tilsonburg, and tenders thereon invited by the town clerk. The debentures bear interest at 5 per cent., part payable in 1899 and part in 1911.

A RETAILER and jobber in cigars, tobaccos, &c., in Montreal, named J. A. Metayer, has been asked to assign. He has latterly locked a large amount of his means in building, and having been sued and seized upon for one or two small claims, his largest creditor asked him to assign.

E. TISDALE & Co., of St. Johns, Que., ale bottlers, ice dealers, manufacturers of ginger ale, and opera house proprietors, are reported to be asking a compromise of 25 cents on the dollar. Only this past spring they had trouble with the Revenue Department over some irregularities that entailed a fine.

A MAN named Fabien Marin, doing a small trading and fishing business at Cap a la Baleine, on the lower St. Lawrence, has compromised liabilities of about \$2,000 at 40 cents in the dollar, cash.—George Belanger, cabinet-maker, at Sherbrooke, Que., in a small way, has assigned. He was previously in difficulty in 1889, when he compromised at 25 per cent. Liabilities are \$1,200 to \$1,500.

Two assignments of minor importance are those of D. R. Redfern, grocer, Kilsyth, and W. W. Raynor, confectioner, Paisley.—In the Province of Manitoba the general stock of Hambleton Bros. has been sold under power of more than one judgment. It brought 62½ cents on the dollar.—W. E. Gregor, wholesale jeweller, and C. F. Herbert, grocer, both of Winnipeg, have assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand.—A bailiff is in possession of the hotel of T. W. S. Jennings, also of Winnipeg.

MESSRS. STEVENS & BURNS, of London, are supplying 85 hydrants and the necessary water-works valves for the city of Vancouver, B.C.

LUMBERING operations on the Miramichi, in the Province of New Brunswick, are said to be brisk, some of the mills running night and day.

THE hot weather, want of business or lack of interest seems to be affecting the board of trade, says the Guelph Mercury. Out of a membership of 100 or 150 there were only six present at Tuesday night's meeting.

A FIRM of general storekeepers at Kingston, N.S., Munro & Parsons by name, has failed with liabilities of \$6,300.—Mrs. M. L. Kitchen, at River John in the same province, and in the same line of trade, has asked creditors to kindly relieve her of half of her liabilities, which amount to \$7,600.—At Dorchester, N.B., Jno. A. Maxwell, harness-maker, has assigned.

ONLY four vessels have been chartered this year to carry the salmon pack to Great Britain, says the New Westminster Columbian. They will take altogether about 140,000 cases. The Alaska pack will be about 400,000 cases, less than a half pack. The price in London is about 22s. 6d. In nine cases sales have been made at 23s. The price in British Columbia is about \$4.75 f.o.b.

A DESPATCH from San Diego, California, records the clearing of the British steam schooner "Eliza Edwards" last week for Panama. This is the vessel which was charged by the Customs officials with having been engaged in smuggling Chinese and opium into this country from Vancouver. No actual proof being elicited, she was released on payment of \$1,400 fine for touching at Santa Barbara without notifying the Customs authorities.

SOME three years ago, C. McCallum, of London, disposed of his wholesale drug business to a trio of his employees who traded under the style of C. McCallum & Co. Mr. McCallum, we understand, guaranteed the firm's account up to \$10,000 for two years. Of late trouble has appeared on the horizon of the firm in the guise of several suits and other drawbacks, one of which was inadequate capital, and the bank, seeing no prospect of their tidying it over, has closed down on them. It is said that the liabilities, outside of Mr. McCallum and the bank, are about \$8,000. Stock-taking is now in progress, and a meeting of creditors will shortly be called.

RESPECTING the great fire at St. John's, Newfoundland, the correspondent of the Montreal Gazette says that one peculiar feature of the conflagration has been the test it afforded of the value of rival makes of safes. Those manufactured by Milner, of England, have been found useless, while those made by J. & J. Taylor, of Toronto, proved perfect.

THE present assignment to Campbell & May is not the first made by J. & J. Tonkin, tailors, of this city. They failed before in 1891, when they compromised at 33½ cents on the dollar.—Two other assignments to the same firm of receivers are those of Maloney & Co., general store and hotel at Penetanguishene, and W. A. Phillips, liquor dealer, Midland.

MR. MICHAEL FLEMING, of Sarnia, died last week at the age of 52, after a long illness, from the effects of La Grippe. Mr. Fleming began business life as a telegrapher between thirty and forty years ago, and was still agent of the G. N. W. Telegraph Company at the time of his death. He was a prominent citizen of Sarnia, had been alderman, and twice mayor, and was connected with a banking business and with one of the loan companies of the town.

WITH \$5,000 advanced by his father, H. P. Johnston began business in the tea trade at Victoria, B.C., with good prospects of success. But he is said to have only himself to blame that he has not attained it. His statement shows a deficiency of \$1,500, and this in the brief period of one year.—In the same city, J. M. McLeod, a tobacconist, has been closed out by creditors.—The Nanaimo Electric Light Works, A. Shaw, proprietor, has assigned, doubtless the result of the foreclosing of a mortgage referred to last week.

FROM Quebec is reported the failure of J. A. Langlais, a leading stationer and dealer in church ornaments, who was prominently before the public in connection with a much-criticized stationery contract awarded him by the Mercier Government. The liabilities are \$135,960, largely made up of claims for advances made on letters of credit issued to Mr. L. by the late Government, and which the present Government repudiated. The assets are nominally about \$210,000, the principal item being one of \$100,000, the estimated profit on the contract above mentioned. Mr. D. Arcand, a Quebec broker, has been named curator, and an effort to have two of the principal creditors appointed joint trustees has been set aside by the judge.

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