

Que., has been asked by a Montreal dry goods house to assign. This is Mr. S. Boucher, who began business in 1887, having been previously in partnership with one Leroux at St. Marc. He owes \$9,500.—Mrs. Louis Bariel of Ibrerville, Que., who recently took over the business of her husband, whose habits and management had not been satisfactory, has been obliged to assign. Liabilities are put at \$9,000 odd.

At Windsor, on Tuesday last, the shareholders of the Essex Land and Timber Company decided to put it into liquidation. This concern was simply the timber department of the Anchor M'fg Co. of Detroit. The Anchor supplied the capital to start with and is now the principal creditor. A couple of American banks and one Canadian bank are the next largest creditors, the latter being well secured. There are a few other creditors who, after the preferred claims are paid, need not expect a large dividend. Extravagant and sometimes almost reckless management had much to do with the failure of these companies. It is true that the Anchor Co. suffered heavily by several fires. But these were not sufficient to account for the heavy loss to be sustained by the creditors. The concern, if prudently managed, should have proved a marked success. It was capable of producing about 10,000 of its noted one-stave bilge barrels per day, undoubtedly the best in

the world. These are now in great demand among flour, meal, sugar and coffee dealers all over the continent. They were shipped flat in packages like shingles and set up by coopers at the place of destination.

NOTES FOR DRY GOODS PEOPLE.

A despatch of last week says that the rumor that the McKinley Tariff Bill would take effect on October 1st has led the Viennese manufacturers engaged in the mother-of-pearl industry, which depends entirely on the American market, to reduce their working hours one-half and dismiss 5,000 of their hands. This step has aroused the employees to action, and they will join with the manufacturers in petitioning the Minister of Commerce to take measures of retaliation, in order that the industry may be saved from annihilation. It is suggested that the prohibitory duty be placed on mother-of-pearl.

On the subject of new evening dress for men, the *Dry Goods Chronicle* understands that "French tailors are literally up in arms, and are bent upon organizing a revolution. There is no necessity in the meantime to alarm the timid, for the Knights of the Needle only intend to effect, if they can, a peaceful reform in clothes. They condemn the present form and color of 'evening dress,' and instead of the *habit noir* so cherished by Frenchmen and worn by them at solemn and official ceremonies, as at dinner parties and *soirees*, they call for the general adoption of colored coats, embroidered vests, knee breeches, and silk stockings." They urge the adoption of pink, blue, heliotrope, or other lively colored dress coats, with silk linings, white embroidered or embossed vests of silk or worsted, silver or pearl-grey knee-breeches, stockings to match, and shoes with gilded or silver-plated buckles.

It is known only to a few that the finest piece of broadcloth exhibited at the World's Fair, London, in 1851, was made by the Vas-

salboro Woollen Mills, Maine. This piece received the gold medal. "There is no public recognition of any manufacture of broadcloth superior in texture and finish than this," says the *Boston Journal of Commerce*, which adds that the proprietors of the mills, desiring to put their manufactures in competition with those of foreign countries, sent to Germany for a bale of wool, such as could not be obtained in this country or elsewhere, at a cost of \$640. The warp was spun 19 runs fine, and the filling 21 runs fine. There were 4,000 ends in the warp web; sleyed 41 inches in the loom; and woven with 120 picks. The design was a four-harness cassimere twill, and the cloth finished 6 to 6½ ounces per yard. J. D. Lang, the senior proprietor of the mill, exhibited the goods to the jurors at the Philadelphia Exposition of 1876, and they were pronounced unsurpassed and unapproached by anything there on exhibition.

In a leading dry goods store: Girl in blue to ditto in green—Why did you make him haul all those goods from the top shelf if you haven't your pocketbook along? Girl in green—Why, the mean fellow was in a car yesterday and never offered me his seat, though I looked right at him, and I was bound to get even.—*Philadelphia Record*.

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