

THE commercial travellers will give a ball in the opera house, London, Friday evening, Feb. 15.

THERE are two small failures in Toronto; one is that of A. J. Brown, butcher, who has assigned to W. A. Campbell, and the other is that of Mrs. E. Lewis, who has had her grocery stock seized by the bailiff.

THE wholesale jewelry business conducted by Hiram Weidman has been taken into the hands of the sheriff. He dealt largely with peddlers, and as the latter have been meeting with poor success, it is natural that Weidman's business should fall off.

IN Toronto, a grocer named Mrs. M. A. P. Meeking, in business several years, has assigned. —It is only a year since Frank Moses, stove and tin dealer, assigned. After arranging a settlement, one Clapp was admitted a partner. Already they have become insolvent and an assignment has been made.

THE Erie Railway managers have made a traffic arrangement with the Grand Trunk in co-operation with their Port Stanley and Lake Erie Railroad and its Conneaut-Port Dover car ferry system. The arrangement includes coal from the Port Stanley and Lake Erie field and general merchandise to and from Canada by that route, including points south.

THE Toronto firm of George H. Hees, Son & Co. advertise by circular that they are the sole owners of the good-will of the business of the Macfarlane Shade Co., and that they own all the printing blocks, patterns, lace effects, catalogues of that concern. Mr. Macfarlane has gone to Detroit, where the firm of Hees, Macfarlane & Co. has been formed, and where they are building a brick factory 60 feet wide by 220 feet long and three stories high, to make hand made opaque shade cloth, in all widths. The firm will also make a specialty of art laces and fringes.

WE note a trio of failures from the Ancient Capital. D. & S. Arel, a firm of butchers and provision dealers, are offering 30 cents in the dollar, owing about \$4,000. —O. T. Poitras, a jobber in flour, etc., has been too lavish of credit to doubtful marks, and cannot pay in full. He owes \$18,000 direct and \$5,000 indirect; nominal assets are \$21,000, but of these \$13,000 is in poor accounts. He proposes that his creditors shall accept 20 cents in the dollar. —V. Gastonguay, a producer of native wines in a small way, has made an assignment, but owes only a few local creditors.

It is true that the bank clearings at the Montreal Clearing House during 1894, namely, \$546,600,000, were four per cent. less than the \$568,732,000 of 1893. But this decline is the smallest recorded by any of the large cities of America. In New York the decrease was 22 per cent., in Philadelphia 10 per cent., in Chicago 8 per cent., and in Boston 9 per cent. The average decline in all the clearing house cities was 16 per cent. Montreal stands tenth in the list of cities on this continent in respect of volume of clearing house business.

FROM Manitoba and British Columbia come reports of the following failures: W. M. McKinnon, hotelkeeper, Vancouver, whose stock is advertised for sale by the bailiff. —Mrs. S. M. Hilbert, Nanaimo, raised some money last month by way of chattel mortgage to help her in her grocery and fruit business, but now she assigns. —The largest failure to report from the western provinces is that of Baird Bros., of Pilot Mound. They have been doing a very fair trade as general merchants, but the dull times have prevented their making satisfactory collections, so they have assigned. Liabilities amount to \$24,500 with assets of \$31,000.

NEW addresses of some of the recent sufferers by fire: S. F. McKinnon & Co., 61 Bay st.; Haworth & Sadler, 28 Jordan st.; Globe Printing Co., business office 20 King st. east, editorial office Richmond st.; Geo. D. Ross & Co., 19 Front st. west; Toronto Lithographing Co., 28 Front st. west; Nicholas Rooney & Co., 60 Yonge st.; Thos. Dunnet & Co., 34 Front st. west; Brereton & Manning, Merchants Building, Bay st.; Boisseau & Co., 18 Front st. east; Hart & Riddell, 3 Wellington st. west; R. Darling & Co., 53 Yonge street; R. H. Gray & Co., 27 Front st. west; The Brough Printing Co., 78 Wellington street west.

FOR several years back the effects of G. E. Steacy, contractor, Orillia, have been under the shadow of a chattel mortgage. Not being able to throw it off and getting into deep water, he has assigned. —A short life in business was that of James H. Bradt, of Stratford. He opened a harness business about four months ago, and already the landlord has seized for rent. —The Mowat Implement Mfg. Company, Whitby, have been making a good machine, but have been hampered in pushing the thing through an insufficiency of capital. The business has virtually been under the control of A. Brown, of Toronto, who some years ago took a chattel mortgage amounting to \$19,600. He has foreclosed.

ON behalf of themselves and the members of the Montreal Board of Trade, the council of that body for 1893 has tendered a banquet to Mr. W. W. Ogilvie, the retiring President, who has occupied the presidency for two years. The date of the banquet is fixed, we understand, for Thursday next.

A PETITION has been presented to the court, asking for an authorization to wind up the Coal Saving and Smoke Consuming Co., of Montreal. —A similar action was taken with regard to the Gebharat-Berthiaume Lithographing and Printing Co., of Montreal, whose affairs have been in tangled, uncertain shape for some time. Two years ago they arranged a compromise at 50 cents in the dollar, the plant, etc., being transferred to the two principal creditors as trustees, for the due completion of the arrangement. There has been a notable lack of harmony of late among the various heads of departments, and creditors have lost patience with the concern.

THE firm of Bowman & Moore has been in Hamilton many years as hardware dealers and did a prosperous business. In August, 1892, R. Bowman withdrew from the firm, with \$24,000 to his credit. After this W. E. Sanford became a special partner, and after he retired from the firm with his capital of \$7,000 and 7 per cent. interest, Moore then admitted his brother a partner. Owing to dull trade, with heavy stock on hand, their affairs are in such a state that they will call a meeting of creditors. —In 1888 John B. Weir, implement agent at Clinton, compromised with creditors at 50 per cent. He now assigns. —Other assignments are those of W. H. White, merchant, township of McMurrich, and John Owens, hotel keeper, Port Hope.

SEVEN years ago Maynard Bros., tailors at Orillia, began business, and soon did a nice trade; but it appears they granted credit too freely, and, being unable to collect, have to assign to Henry Barber & Co. —We hear that R. Mercer, jeweller at Seaforth, who assigned a couple of weeks ago, has compromised at 40 per cent. —After photographing at Listowel a quarter of a century, David Barber is trying to compromise at 25 per cent. He never made any money, it seems. —The furniture of Noah Liebler, hotel keeper at Hanover, has been seized under power of a chattel mortgage. —The jewellery stock of Louis Vongunten in Chatham has been seized and sold by the bailiff. A man was brought from Toronto to open the safe, Mr. V. declining to do so.

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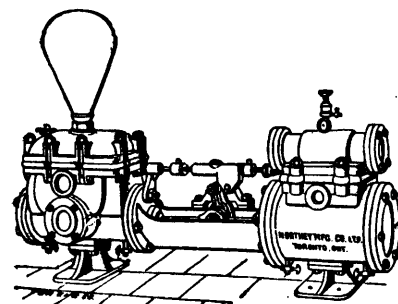
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