

THERE were no less than thirteen shoe drummers from Ontario and Quebec in the Charlottetown hotels one day last week. Competition must rage very fiercely, and it is to be hoped the representatives of the several houses will not quarrel over the victims.

SERIOUS damage has been done about the Londonderry iron mines and other parts of the county of Colchester, N. S., by floods caused by heavy rains. Several iron bridges were carried away and portions of the Intercolonial Railway were washed out.

FIFTY-FOUR business firms in Truro, N. S., have given notice that in future they will close their places of business on Wednesday and Friday evenings, except in the month of December. This is done in order to give their employees opportunity for recreation.

A. J. CARON & Co., shoes, Quebec, whose failure we noted lately, are trying to effect a compromise at 25 cents on the dollar, and have secured most of the creditors' acceptance. — P. Isaie Boivin, of same city, also a shoe manufacturer, lately reported failed, is offering 30 cents.

McKEAND BROS., an Ottawa grocery concern of barely a year's existence, has already made a mess of things. They are reported to have started with a very fair capital, buying out a business already established, and are now reported as failed, owing about \$10,000.

A TANNER from Knowlton, Que., Mr. Englund, jun., was in Calgary last week, looking for a good site to plant a tannery in Alberta or Assiniboia. Barring that it was too far from the hemlock bark of the Selkirk Mountains, Mr. E. favored Calgary—at least the *Herald* says so.

AMONG the freight of the steamship "Parthia" on her last trip from China to Vancouver was a steam launch built of teak, 47 feet keel, 9½ feet beam, with expansion engines and a 37 inch screw. She was built in Hong Kong for a Vancouver man, and cost about \$6,000.

AN English M.P. has introduced a bill for compelling railway companies to print on each passenger ticket the fare chargeable for the journey for which it is issued. For every ticket issued without notification of the fare a company is to be liable to a fine of 40s., and it is made the duty of the Board of Trade to enforce the penalty.

PROFESSOR BELL, the telephone inventor, is at present in Cape Breton cruising in the *Bras d'Or* Lake in a large floating house built on a catamaran. The house is large and most luxuriantly fitted up with every

modern convenience. It floats from place to place and is continually filled with guests. Here is an idea for some of the enterprising pleasure-seekers on the western lakes.

FAILING in May last, the general store firm of E. Parker & Co., at Treherne, Man., has now arranged a compromise at 75 cents on the dollar.

J. J. HANRATTY, dealer in dry goods at Chatham, has submitted an offer to creditors of sixty cents on the dollar on liabilities of \$2,000.

MR. W. J. BELL, of the Bell Organ and Piano Company, Guelph, has sailed from New York via London for South Africa, where he will look after the firm's interests with a view of extending its trade.

MANGANESE ore has been discovered in large quantities, and of splendid quality, near Dunedin, New Zealand, from which a valuable export trade may result. A sample was sent to London, and a cable message has been received, placing a value on it that leaves a large margin for profit.

In the Canadian East, in Ontario at any rate, Guelph is known as the Royal City. But in the Canadian West they call New Westminster the Royal City. It is the western one, the population of which in mass meeting adopted a by-law to secure a supply of water for city purposes from Coquitlam Lake. The works are expected to cost \$400,000, and are to be controlled by a commission.

THE Maritime Edition of the *Montreal Herald* issued last week, is a twenty page sheet, with interesting contents relating to the cities and towns of our Atlantic Provinces, their manufactures, their commerce, their business men. The outside front cover contains a map of the route of the Intercolonial Railway, and also of the new Short Line from Montreal to St. John and the Atlantic.

B. J. PETTENER, a manufacturer of boot and shoe machinery at Montreal, who has been a heavy loser by the recent failures in the boot and shoe trade, has effected a composition at 60 cents on the dollar, his liabilities being about \$11,000. Mr. Pettener has been unfortunate in the past as well, having failed in 1874 and again in 1879, but for the last ten years had been doing pretty well up to the recent run of failures.

FOLLOWING the business troubles of R. C. Warren, general trader, at Brooklin, comes an offer from him of 40 cents on the dollar in three, six, and nine months, secured. If the security proves adequate this arrangement

will probably be carried out. He owes \$4,700.

—An offer of 50 cents on the dollar has been made to creditors by D. Englar, tailor, at Niagara Falls. — W. J. Close, tailor, Preston; Alex. McCabe, general store, Priceville; L. D. Tait, grocer, Toronto; and W. A. Hollingshead, foundry, Tottenham, have assigned during the week.

WE read in the *Winnipeg Commercial* that Messrs. Thomas Marks & Co., of Port Arthur, have closed a contract for the transportation of ten thousand tons of Pennsylvania coke from Lake Erie ports to Algoma Mills, thence to be transported via Canadian Pacific to Sudbury. The first cargo of this coke will be used at Sudbury for smelting copper, nickel, and other ores before their final shipment to Swansea for refinement.

AMONG the more important recent failures in the Eastern Townships is that of T. McRae & Co., of Cookshire and Sawyerville. Besides carrying on a large general business at Cookshire and Sawyerville, under the management of clerks who were shoemakers by trade, the partners each carried on an individual business as dentist and butcher respectively, and were also largely interested in the Cookshire Flour Mills Co. They have always been considered, and not without reason, in widespread uncertain shape. They owe some \$40,000 in all.

It speaks well for the success of "Summer Tours," a neat little guide book issued by the C.P.R., when it is known that the present is the third edition. We have always preached the doctrine of relaxation for business men and their assistants. True, the present weather is not such as to make one long for the wild woods or the trout stream; still July and August will bring with them the dreaded dog days, and then one may with advantage consult "Summer Tours" as arranged by the C.P.R. passenger department.

AN enterprising young man in Glasgow, Scotland, did rather a novel thing the other day to promote his business, says an exchange: A lady in the West-end entered his shop just to give him a trial. Her order was very unimportant. "Oh, I'll send them," said the grocer. The goods were at the door as soon as the lady herself, and the boy handed her a letter which ran as follows: "Madam—Enclosed is a half-penny which I overcharged you by mistake. The butter should have been only 1s. 5½d." Of course the lady called again, but if the young man does this sort of thing from "policy" rather than from "honesty" we don't think much of his methods.

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