

to top of tower. The bins are to be 30 feet high, and will have hopper bottoms. When completed the elevator will have a capacity of 75,000 bushels.

It will doubtless surprise many persons in this city and in Montreal to learn that the tall, sallow, dark-whiskered man, sometime manager of the Canadian Rubber Company's branch here, Robert Houghan, has been charged with embezzlement. "He is not here, but gone before"—the detectives could catch him.

AFTER a business connection of twenty-seven years, Mr. Hugh Barnett, well and favorably known to many in the Canadian trade has announced his retirement from the firm of Messrs. Rutherford Bros., Ingram Street, Glasgow, Scotland. Mr. Barnett will hereafter trade in the same city under the style of H. Barnett & Co., linen merchants and manufacturers.

A CHARTER for the "Gilbert Brothers Engineering Company," of Montreal, is applied for. The company is to have a capital of \$60,000, in shares of \$100 each. Messrs. Ebenezer E. Gilbert, Frank Gilbert, W. W. Gilbert, P. H. Gilbert, and Edward E. Gilbert are to be the first directors of the company, whose business is that of building engines, machinery, &c.

J. B. BARBEAU, general dealer, of Riceburg, Que., whose troubles were alluded to last week, is offering his creditors 40 cents on the dollar. —It is understood that Messrs. DeSola Bros. & Ascher, wholesale fancy goods and cigar manufacturers, have finally secured the acceptance by creditors of a composition at twenty-five cents on the dollar, and they will resume business.

A CORRESPONDENT in a Moncton, N.B., paper complains that certain Intercolonial railway employees are permitted to act as agents for business houses in Toronto, St. John, Halifax, and elsewhere, for the sale of flour, groceries, dry goods, and other articles. This, we understand, is a violation of the company's regulations, for, according to the rules of the road, no employee is allowed to engage in any other business outside of the railway.

SHE is only an humble factory girl, while her papa is a millionaire lumber merchant. This seems paradoxical. We shall explain. In a rash moment Mr. Dean, of Chicago, offered to give Miss Nellie Dean, a dollar for every cent she earned. We may be permitted to imagine her replying: "I'll take you." Having disguised herself in lowly attire, she sought and obtained work in a spinning mill at sixty cents per day! This noble girl's example is worthy of emulation—at the same rate of remuneration of course.

In Winnipeg, J. A. Wright, clothier, seems to have had a hard struggle. In 1883 he got an extension of eighteen months. This he paid. But he has since been compelled to assign. —The hardware and tin stock of Brown Bros. in the same city has been sold at 55 cents per \$ to Campbell Brothers. —W. H. Ronan's livery concern has been sold at auction. —Hodder & Sons' grocery and liquor stock has been sold out. —The Portage la Prairie firm of Bell Bros., general dealers, is dissolved, business, which is that of a general store, is continued by Charles Bell.

THE manufacture of cotton-seed oil has grown to be quite a prosperous industry. The oil seems to find a readier market in foreign countries than in the United States. The Philadelphia Record says that during the seven months ending August 1 the exports were 4,463,962 gallons, valued at \$1,828,771, against

2,219,562 gallons, valued at \$978,926, for the corresponding time in 1884. The seed now sells for \$10 to \$12 per ton, and the oil is worth from 30 to 33 cents per gallon. After the oil is expressed the dry remainder is of some value as food for cattle.

BANKERS must be careful how they endorse returned drafts. Mr. Huber, a button merchant of Berlin, had a bill of exchange drawn on him while absent in the Western States. Attached was the usual slip, requesting the bank not to protest in case of non-payment but to state reason. The bank clerk endorsed accordingly, and the manager, Mr. Crookall, added to the words Western States, "or in San Francisco or the Rocky Mountains." Mr. Huber claims that these words would convey the idea that he had absconded, and has brought action against the bank. Mr. Huber is probably a sensitive man.

WHEN one considers the multitude of things that were crowded into the various buildings on the exhibition ground last week, it will hardly be necessary to make excuse for the omission to notice the display of cured, pickled and canned meats made by Messrs. Jas. Park & Son, of this city. Very tempting looked the rows of sugar-cured hams, and sides of breakfast bacon, with here and there neat moulds of snow-white flaky lard; and it was not unnatural for the thoughts to revert to many picnic days, when the eye rested on those toothsome rolls of "Ham, tongue and chicken. That this exhibit merited the silver medal which it gained, no one who saw it will for a moment doubt.

BUT brief has been the business experience of John Lang of Magog, Quebec. It was in the spring time, only last spring that he bought out the general store business of Paterson & Hatchford, and already in the early fall, his estate is being liquidated by A. McKay of Montreal. Liabilities stated at \$4,000. "One by one," &c. But sometimes they try the tempting experiment, two by two. This was the case with Messrs. Grison & Waters, who started a small general store at Bear Brook, Ont. last year, on very slight capital. "And so these twain upon the skirts of time sat motionless." That is, they could not make it go at all, and have now assigned to W. E. Brown of Ottawa, owing \$1,500.

A NEW combination of salt producers, says the *Goderich Star*, has been formed. It comprises the six manufacturers in Goderich, the two wells in Kincardine, Williams & Murray's well at Port Frank, and the Courtwright Salt Co., and will be known as the Lake Shore Salt Association. The head office is in Goderich, with Joseph Williams as president and John Scobie vice-president. There is, the *Star* remarks, a prospect that the "new association will work smoothly enough to ensure its continuance, and the result will be something like a living profit for the manufacturers, without imposing any burden on the purchaser. In lake shipments at least the new company will have an immense advantage over inland producers."

THE failures in Ontario this week are few and of little importance. Of these are Robert J. Chown, grocer, Kingston, has assigned in trust. —H. J. Hale, a Brantford jeweller, for the second time has assigned. —After a few months in the butter trade at Caledonia, Jas. Patterson has made an assignment. —G. M. Dufton, a tailor in Stratford, has succumbed, after being four years in business. —Grison & Waters, a firm of general dealers at Bearbrook, have assigned in trust. —The trustee of J. F. McAllister, Napanee, advertises that

gentleman's stock of men's furnishings for sale, by tender, this week. —A compromise at sixty cents per dollar has been effected by Thos. Kidd, of Seaforth. The liabilities were some \$40,000.

AFTER many years of waiting, says the *Telegraph*, St. John has at last got a handsome station building, "it is the handsomest in the Maritime Provinces." The station so referred to is that of the Intercolonial Railway, albeit the prediction is made that it will soon be found too small for the needs of the city. Contrasting the condition of things in 1867 with that of to-day, what was then a vast mill-pond, into which the tide flowed daily is now made ground covered with railway buildings. In 1871 or 2 one small wooden building sufficed as a freight-shed, but so great has been the growth of interprovincial railway traffic that many large brick structures are now needed. Describing the building the *Telegraph* states that the train house is a simple brick structure, 502 feet in length and 84 feet in width. Ells have been added at each end on the eastern side of the building for baggage rooms—each of them is 115 feet long and 15 feet wide. The roof, is supported by heavy iron trusses. The covering is of metal and glass. The head house, as it is called, is of pressed brick with cut stone trimmings. Its frontage is 84 feet and depth 116 feet, with a circular tower of cut free stone. The windows of the front abound in small squares of colored glass. The entrance hall is tiled and the approaches to the building Nicholson-paved while the floors of all the rooms are of polished native woods.

A FRIEND writes as follows to the editor: "From a Syracuse letter I learn that a party calling himself E. A. Potter, and the publisher of a ladies' journal at Fort Erie, Ont., has been distributing circulars together with a small card, in which it is stated that if a person holding the card would send his or her address and enclose 10 cents, 'for the sake of introducing the paper,' it would be sent for six months free. A friend, out of curiosity, sent 10 cents and the address of his little girl. She received by mail a letter informing her that she was entitled to receive as a premium an organ worth \$125 and that it would be shipped to her free of duty on receipt of \$1.00 to cover cost of boxing and cartage. The second chapter of this swindle you have in shape of another letter, this time from Fort Erie. Put these two chapters together and you have the whole story, except that the villain has not been captured and punished. The Fort Erie letter, dated 23rd instant, says that Potter came there a week ago and claimed to be agent for a map of the United States and Canada. 'To several parties he sent a printed form representing that he was manager of the *Ladies' Journal*, and that they had drawn a prize, 1 organ, valued at \$125, and that upon receipt of \$1.00 he would ship, as before stated. There is no such publication here as the *Ladies' Journal*; this party calling himself Potter comes over from Buffalo, N. Y. He has done quite a business so far, but has not been here since the 21st, and is reported to have left."

SOME further unpleasant revelations have been made in connection with the Munro forgery case during the past few days. Mr. Wm. Kyle was, at the instance of a city banker, placed under arrest, charged with having uttered some of the forged notes. The case has had one hearing before the police magistrate and is to have another: meanwhile Mr. Kyle has been given his freedom upon furnishing acceptable security. Munro's ir-