

A NUMBER of the Toronto wholesale grocery merchants went to Hamilton yesterday to attend a meeting of the Wholesale Grocers' Guild, at the latter city.

THERE were no less than five commercial travellers from London, Eng., representing wholesale houses of that city, at the Tecumseh House, London, Ont., on Monday last.

THE Board of Trade of the village of Essex, Ontario, has chosen officers as under: President, Mr. James Naylor; vice-president, Mr. W. H. Richardson; secretary-treasurer, Mr. G. J. Thomas.

MESSERS. William Reichling, John Playle, Phao Brauss, William Trimble and Florence Silverton, all of Toronto, have been incorporated as the Dominion Embroidery Company of Toronto, limited, with a capital of \$40,000.

SUCKLING & Co., auctioneers, Toronto, have been instructed by Messrs. Campbell & May, assignees, to offer at a rate on the dollar, on the 1st November, the stock of men's furnishings belonging to the insolvent estate of Joseph Patterson. The inventoried value is \$12,982, and the goods are said to be suitable for the finest city trade.

AN association composed of a number of foreigners, who were employed in the coal mines at Northfield, B.C., opened business there in October, 1891, under the style of the French Syndicate, with a capital of about \$5,000. Owing to strong opposition and having to deal with a peculiar class of people, the promoters have been unable to make it go, and the sheriff is now in possession.

A MAN in Kingsville, named Edward W. Bowslaugh, is suing the Kingsville Preserving Company for some \$1,600, the price of 165,000 tomato plants, which he claims he grew under contract for the defendant company. He was to grow the plants and supply them on order of defendants' agent to farmers, who were to cultivate them and supply the company with tomatoes for canning. The action is set down for trial at Sandwich. Plaintiff tried to get the venue changed, fearing that he could not get justice from Essex farmers, but his application was refused.

THE majority of people in this city were, no doubt, much surprised to learn of the financial embarrassment of Mr. J. B. Boustead, insurance agent and real estate dealer. He is, unfortunately, one of many in Toronto who find the pressure through interest payments, and

taxes and accruing mortgages, to be more than they can stand without some indulgence on part of creditors, and it will be a pity if such is not forthcoming in his case. The assets, on paper, are much in excess of the liabilities, and Mr. Boustead is confident that he can, in time, right himself and pay 100 cents on the dollar.

A PARAGRAPH in the Victoria Times of 18th instant outlines the proposed paint works in that city, a branch of the Canadian Paint Co., Montreal. The Janion wharf property has been leased for seven years for the purpose; the machinery is on the way from Montreal, and the works are to be "going" in December. Some skilled workmen are to be brought from Glasgow, whence also the raw material will be imported. The factory will produce white lead, colors both in oils and dis-tempers, liquid paints, varnishes, lacquers, etc. The business will be under the management of Mr. James L. Forrester, for many years in the employ of Fergusson, Alexander & Co., Glasgow, the largest paint manufacturers there.

WOODSTOCK is offered two new mills if the corporation will come to terms. The *Sentinel-Review* says that a committee of council has been debating a proposal from Mr. Thos. McClay (which they recommended), contractor, offering to put up a 125-barrel brick and stone flouring mill on his premises in the East End, if the town would exempt the same from taxation for ten years and give him free water. Mr. Thos. McDonald, who lately suffered the loss of the Great Western flour mills in that place, proposes to rebuild it as a 300-barrel mill for the manufacture of oatmeal, split peas and pot barley. He proposes that a joint stock company be formed with the necessary capital of \$16,000, of which the citizens of Woodstock and farmers of the district shall take \$8,000.

HERE is a list of the business events of the week in Toronto: The bailiff has taken possession of the lumber yard of Jas. Carnochan & Sons, and the stock has been sold.—B. W. Cherry, grocer, has been in business for ten years, and now finds his assets to consist of real estate equities which, from their unsalable nature, make an assignment necessary.—Mrs. Mellon has bought in the boot and shoe business of her husband, who failed lately, and will continue under the style of Mellon & Co.—Having advanced considerable money to the Barm Yeast Co., Mr. R. S. Weir finds it necessary, in order to save his

capital, to take over the business and run it with the remaining partner, one Buckley. It will need to be conducted on a very different system than formerly if it is ever to be made successful.—The grocery stock of Mitchell & Co. has been bought by W. R. Kindred at 75 cents on the dollar.—The men's furnishing stock of Patterson & Co. is advertised to be sold on the 1st Nov.—A. N. Tane, grocer, has assigned.

JAMES PARKHILL commenced the boot and shoe business in Woodstock about October, 1887, but did not make a success of it, and failed in August, 1889, with liabilities of \$4,200 and assets of \$4,000. The estate was sold to him for \$2,250; part cash, balance secured. He moved to Guelph in 1890, but fared no better there and has again assigned.

AT Lake Weedon, a small village in Wolfe County, Quebec, P. E. Cote has assigned. He was formerly a station agent, and began store-keeping only a year ago, subsequently branching out into a small saw and shingle mill. Though ambitious, he had only moderate ability and still less means.—J. A. Mercier, general merchant at St. Michel de Bellechasse, who was reported in trouble in a late issue, is offering his creditors 25 cents in the dollar cash.—J. P. Sanschagrin, a journeyman baker of Quebec, who lately started a small grocery and hardware store to be run by his wife, has already suspended payment.—D. Duguay, general dealer at St. Adelaide de Pabos on the Gaspé coast, is seeking a compromise. He first offered 20 per cent., which being declined, he has advanced his figures to 30 per cent., which is more likely to tempt creditors, who in these days do not seem properly anxious to be paid in full.

CANADIAN bankers have been warned that a new counterfeit five dollar United States silver certificate was put in circulation on October 11th. Merchants should likewise be placed on their guard, and we therefore append a description as furnished by the Treasury Department at Washington: It has the new back, and is of the series 1891; check-letter C; Rosecrans, Register; Nebeker, Treasurer. The paper is fair, and is an imitation of the new distinctive distributed fibre paper used by the Government, the fibre being imitated in blue and pink ink by the use of a pen. The face of the note bears a light impression, which gives the numbering (though good) a heavy appearance. The portrait of General Grant is poor the nose being broad and flat. The lettering,

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