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WE hear of a strike at the works of the Canada Cotton Co., in Cornwall, but the strike in the Stormont mill is over, we believe, some time ago, and all the hands in that mill are working steadily.

MR. WM. KOUGH, a well-known hardware merchant and manufacturer at Owen Sound, is retiring from these businesses. He is now engaged in farming and in the breeding and raising of thoroughbred stock. His Galloway breed of stock have been prize-winners at the principal exhibitions of the Dominion. His farm is beautifully situated on the Georgian Bay.

SOME exceedingly sharp people in Glasgow have been taking sad liberties with the new Margarine Act. This requires that the compound shall be distinctly marked as margarine; but this difficulty has been got over by putting the word on the back of the package, or round the edge of the stand on which it is exposed for sale, or by bringing in a number of other goods, such as ham, tea, cheese and coffee, to keep margarine company and prevent it looking conspicuous. Another method, says the *British Trade Journal*, is to give a sketch of a yacht upon the wrapper, with a scroll round it marked "Lovely Margarine" as if it were the name of the vessel; and yet another, to put the name Margarine under the figure of a milkmaid or the bust of a lady. Very ingenious, but a distinct infraction of the Act.

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NATURAL gas is brought into Buffalo by a pipe line from a point some 100 miles away.

WINNIPEG merchants report an improvement in business, while country merchants aver that they never had a better winter's trade. So says the *Call*.

LOTS of competition and a lack of means have doubtless been potent factors in the embarrassment of McWha & Watson, dry goods dealers at Dresden. They owe to principally one Hamilton firm, who, with other creditors, have accepted 66 cents on the dollar, spread over twelve months.—M. Kelly has been ten years in the grocery trade at Clinton, and it must be very discouraging to face an assignee, and this he is now obliged to do.—When R. H. Sanderson commenced business as a confectioner in Belleville about a year ago he was said to possess a capital of \$700. This has, probably, now all vanished; at least one would suppose so on learning that the sheriff had taken possession of his affairs.—After pegging away for twelve years Peter Thomson, a Hamilton grocer, finds the golden round of success as far off as ever. He has made an assignment to F. H. Lamb.—The stock of groceries belonging to E. Archer, lately failed at Mitchell, brought forty cents on the dollar.—The assignment of Donald McKay, a dealer in dry goods at Owen Sound, noted in these columns recently, is now followed by a compromise which he has arranged at 55 cents on the dollar.

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THE Standard Oil Company has let a contract for an eight-inch pipe line from Lima, O., to Chicago, with a capacity of 20,000 barrels per day, to be completed in two months. The work is to be begun at once.

A FIRM of wall paper dealers, S. D. Douglas & Co., in King street, Toronto, is offering creditors 25 cents on the dollar. At a meeting held on the 15th, assets of \$5,000 were offset by liabilities of \$12,000, exclusive of a claim of \$3,000 for wages due to Douglas. This claim, it is said, will be waived provided the above offer be accepted, and this the majority of those interested seem willing to do.—Rhodes & Johnson, provision dealers in this city, have found a month's experience about all that was agreeable, and have left without settling liabilities of a small amount.—O. J. Clark, grocer at Seaforth, has assigned.—Although R. W. Vance turned over quite a large quantity of cheap goods in his 7-cent store at Napanee, it is evident that, upon the whole, profit has not attended his efforts. An assignment has been made to the sheriff.—One of those men who never seem to be able to make any headway is C. W. Duggan, a dealer in hats in Toronto. He lacked method in business, and now finds it necessary to assign.—Several failures have disqualified Barney McCready, of Trenton, from trading under his own name, and to the drug trade he is known as McCready & Co. He has just added another failure to his record.

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