

It is estimated that between 1,200 and 1,500 tons of grapes have been picked in Essex county this season.

The Montreal Retail Grocers' Association has elected the following officers: President, S. Demers; vice-president, J. A. Manning; honorary-secretary, John Scanlon; treasurer, S. D. Vallieres.

Geo. W. Slipp, a merchant of Woodstock, N.B., is charged with having obtained goods under false pretences, and has been admitted to bail. It is said that he gave an order for stock after, or at the time of, his assignment.

Last month we noted that Axford Bros., general storekeepers, Belmont, Man., had assigned; on Tuesday the sheriff sold their stock. —The drug store of Neeland & Co., Winnipeg, has been closed owing to illness, and the firm's affairs are being wound up.

The following advertisement, taken from a New York paper, is a novel variation to the customary announcements made by banks: The ——— Bank of the city of New York offers to depositors every facility which their balances, business and responsibility warrant.

The assistant secretary of the treasury at Washington has informed an inquirer that out of an issue of 4,000 ten-thousand-dollar legal-tender notes there is but one note now outstanding, and that there are but three five-thousand-dollar notes outstanding out of a total issue of \$20,000,000.

Some Toronto, Hamilton, and Strathroy capitalists have applied for incorporation as the Watson Mfg. Co. of St. Catharines. The company will have a capital of \$30,000 and manufacture woollen and cotton goods. This enterprise is the outcome of the burning of the Strathroy Knitting Company's mill at Strathroy.

One day last week a raft of the Calvin Company passed down the Canadian channel, skirting Fiddler's Elbow, passing north of Grenadier Island, and continuing on her way to Brookville, without leaving Canadian waters. The Kingston News sees in this an interesting bearing on the recent discussion regarding the navigability of that channel.

According to the *News-Advertiser* the Hudson's Bay Company has closed its store at Yale, B. C., "the trade having decreased to such an extent that a store was no longer necessary. Before and during the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Yale was the liveliest place in the province. Several thousand people were there. Now it is almost deserted."

JAMES FOY & Co., dry goods dealers, Brighton, are in difficulties and have assigned. Mr. Foy has been dealing in bankrupt stocks in various places since he dissolved partnership with one Mason at Shelburne. In April last he came from Port Hope to Brighton, where his troubles culminated. Liabilities are stated at \$14,000 and assets slightly in excess of this sum.

CONCLUDING that it would be unwise to continue business as it at present exists, Stovel & Co., tailors, of this city, have wisely taken creditors into their confidence in the hope of making a fresh and better start. Next week those interested will meet and ratify an arrangement looking to this end. A new firm will then be formed under the style of Stovel & O'Brien. The indebtedness is placed at \$12,000 and assets about the same.

An important feature has been introduced into the extensive business of the Steele, Briggs, Maroon Seed Co., of this city. Three and a half acres of land has been acquired at the village of Chester, near Toronto, and in the five large green houses located thereon the company will test all its seeds, introduce the latest novelties in the floral world and experiment with a view of producing new strains.

The United Counties Railway is the name of a new road, the building of which is being actively prosecuted in the province of Quebec. Starting from St. Hyacinthe the road will run through the villages of St. Jean Baptiste, Rougemont and St. Gregoire, striking the Central Vermont at the town of Irberville, and will be ultimately extended through Henryville and Clarenceville to the American frontier at Alburgh. The contractors hope to have the line between St. Hyacinthe and Irberville completed this fall.

The successors to Bryant & Gibson, pickle manufacturers, Toronto, Gibson & Hare, are already in trouble. Less than six months ago they bought this business for \$1,200, paying part cash. Now they have assigned. —On Thursday last the creditors of Coulter & Campbell, coppersmiths, met in this city, when a statement of their affairs was presented showing assets of \$21,800 and liabilities about \$20,500. About 1885 they began business, and being excellent workmen, industrious, and honest, they made some money, but unfortunately for them their office management was bad. They have made losses of about \$10,000 by bad debts. In addition to this they locked up several thousand dollars in a building.

A DECISION rendered last week by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals confirms the claim to absolute ownership of the incandescent electric lamp by Thomas A. Edison, the celebrated inventor. The present daily consumption of these lamps is said to be about 80,000. The patent has four years yet to run. This verdict means a large increase of revenue for the Edison Company and a corresponding decrease for the United States Electric Lighting Co., against which the suit was brought.

A CHEMIST who had just moved into a new establishment, as reported by an exchange, was boasting of his well-assorted stock-in-trade. "There isn't a drug missing," he declared. "That's saying a good deal," remarked one of his friends, a man of a pretty wit. "Come now, I'll wager you haven't any spirit of contradiction." The shopkeeper was not in the least embarrassed. "Wait a bit," he said. "You shall see for yourself." With that he left the group and returned in a few minutes leading by the hand—his wife.

THEODULE LEBLANC, general store, Naperville, Que., has assigned to a firm of Montreal accountants. Liabilities \$3,500. He has been in business for about four years, but has shown very poor managing ability. —Peter Maltais, of Murray Bay, succeeded, in 1888, to the business of his father, who retired well-to-do. Peter had a good chance to make money, but has not been sufficiently guarded in his habits, and has also engaged in some speculations in spool wood, which have resulted poorly. His assignment is now chronicled.

HERE are some of the minor business troubles that have taken place in Montreal since our last: E. Neven, grocer, has assigned on demand, owing \$1,559. He was originally a shoemaker, and has been in business several years. He failed before in the spring of '91, when he owed \$3,000. —F. Lafleur, furniture dealer, reported as failed several weeks ago, has compromised at 25 cents cash, and is retiring from business. —J. B. Archambault, a small shoe dealer, has been asked to assign. —E. J. Lefebvre, saloon-keeper, has failed with small local liabilities. —M. J. Lachapelle & Co., dry goods, are offering creditors 70 cents on the dollar, 65 cents cash, and five cents their own notes at nine months. —H. A. Hetu, a shoe retailer, in business only since 1890, has assigned. He has not always given that careful attention to business necessary to success, and had been behind hand in payments for some time past.

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