o'clock that morning masked burglars entered the bank building, corner of Broadway and Bleeker street, and handcuffing the janitor, made him under threats of death, reveal the combination of the safe and deliver up the kevs of the bank. The officers of the bank admit the janitor possessed the combination to the vault; it was given him in order that he might give depositors their valuables in the early morning, take out books and made ready for business. The bank officers state that securities were stolen to the amount of \$2,757,700, of which \$2,506,700 were registered in the name of the institution, and are not negotiable; \$168,ooo are made payable to it, \$73,000 are in coupon bonds, and \$11,000 are in cash. The bank has, it is claimed, a surplus of \$400,000, and will continue business; but declines to make any payments without two month's notice.

THE amount of assessable property and income in Belleville is put down at \$3,760,556, and the value of church, school or permanent property exempted from taxation is \$428,040, or about 81 per cent of the whole. The population is 10,-000, and the ratepayers number 2,140.

THE conflicting land claims commission for the county of Selkirk, Manitoba, commenced its sittings on the 14th October.

E. Burnham & Co., of Digby, N.S., general dealers, are asking an extension of six, twelve and eighteen months, without security. Assets placed at \$53,000, liabilities \$29,000.

A. D. HUNTER, general storekeeper, now at Norwood, was previously in business in two other places. Although he never was considered worthy of much credit, he managed, like many others, to get a supply of goods, and has now assigned

MR. WILLIAM BEATTIE, agent for English manufacturers, and well known by many of our dry goods importers, some of whom he had assisted through bad years of trade in this country. died in Manchester, England, on Monday, the 14th inst. This will be sad news to some friends in Canada.

THE New York Council of political reform contends that the Brooklyn Bridge is "neither useful, practical nor safe," and that the \$10,-000,000 which has been taken from the pockets of tax-payers to erect it to its present stage is practically lost.

THE new St. John, New Brunswick, rebuilt since the fire, is, says the Iron Age, both for the beauty and solidity of its structures, a finer city than the old. There are now erected or in course of erection 352 stone, brick and brick-cased buildings of an aggregate value of \$3,456,200, and 350 wooden buildings valued at 739,332, making a total of 888 buildings of all kinds, with a value of \$5,105,532. New buildings worth \$100,000 have also been erected outside the burnt district.

Messrs. Copp Bros., of Hamilton, caused a writ of attachment to be issued against the firm of Wilson, Gilmour & Co., stove dealers in St. John, N.B. Neither partners understood that business so well as they did making men's clothing and supplying the ship owners with

groceries. Mr. Gilmour, it is stated, invested \$15,000 in this business, and the firm is now in bankruptcy with \$34,000 to pay. It may succeed in raising half that amount.

QUITE a heavy failure is reported in that of Mr. Patrick Rooney, wholesale dealer in woollen goods, Montreal, against whom an attachment has been issued by an English creditor. Some two years ago Mr. Rooney obtained an extension of time, which he worked through successfully. But of late his assets had seemed to dwindle away, no small share of them going, we believe, into the hands of his wife under Ouebec law. He had been the holder of a good deal of real estate too, which is not now so desirable an asset. He owes in all some \$160,000. It is at least doubtful if the statements, circulated through the press, about the insolvent being involved through the Toronto firm of N. & F. Rooney, now in liquidation, are well founded.

Speculation in real estate, which swept over Ontario in 1854 to 1857, and was perhaps most active in Toronto, seemed to take an equally firm hold in Montreal in 1870-75. We have heard much of the successful purchases of land in that city or its suburbs, but there was many an acre bought of which few heard, but which has remained a dead weight upon, if it did not ruin the buyer. One of the principal causes of the embarrassment of Messrs. Adolphe Roy & Co-, of Montreal, long-established importers of dry goods, was the investment of their senior during the "prosperous times," together with seven or eight other gentlemen, in plots of land in Hochelaga, at "the Back River," and elsewhere in the suburbs of that city, amounting to several hundred acres. Before this could be realised upon, land went down thirty to fifty per cent.. and the property became a burden to carry. Mr. Roy was a holder of bank, and other stocks outside of his firm, and we understand that a second writ has been issued against him individually, with the object of keeping the landed and personal estates separate. Another source of loss to him was the failure of the Pierreville Steam Mill Company, in which he was a large stockholder. The dry goods business of the firm is said to be in tolerably good shape, its assets being adequate to its obligations. There are at least four banks interested in the different estates-the Merchants, which is said to be well secured, the Hochelaga, Peuple, and Jacques Cartier.

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THE clipper ship "Colorado," which sailed from New York on the 22nd, for Sydney, N. S. W., takes out three locomotives, built by the Baldwin Locomotive Company, Paterson, N.J., to the order of the Colonial Government. That road sent last year on trial a locomotive, complete, the running of which by the New South Wales authorities induced the order for three more like it. Not a bad bit of enterprise.