

In the Province of Nova Scotia, F. D. Rogers, shoes, Lunenburg; Godfrey Bros., grocers, Yarmouth, have assigned, and J. G. Morrison, general store, Springfield, offers 25 cents on the dollar.

L. TRANCHEMONTAGNE, a general merchant of Berthierville, Que., whose suspension we noted a few weeks ago, has arranged a composition with his creditors, on the basis of 52½ cents on the dollar, payable in 3, 6, 9, 12 and 18 months, his own notes. Liabilities are \$36,818, assets apparent \$37,309.

For about a year the general store firm of E. S. White & Co., at Carberry, Man., has done an extensive trade, but it could not have been a profitable one, for an assignment has been made to Mr. S. A. D. Bertrand.—The same assignee will look into the affairs of Jeffares & Co., grocers, of Winnipeg, who have just failed.

The Bell Telephone Co. has determined to make an experiment in cheap rates in Hamilton. Thus: Office or house, within half a mile of exchange, \$15 a year and 2 cents per call; or, for unlimited calling—office, one year, \$45, or \$40 for three years; house, \$35 a year, or \$30 a year for three years. It is claimed that these are the cheapest telephone rates in the world.

By the death, last week, of Mr. F. Monnette, the town of St. Johns, Que., loses probably its best-known citizen, and a man much esteemed by all who knew him for his many good qualities of heart and head. For over forty years Mr. Monnette has catered most acceptably to the travelling public, and there are few commercial men who have not at some time or other found plenty and comfort under his roof. Mr. M. was able to raise a family numbering 23, and still leave a fair competence.

At a Pearl street store in New York is shown an enormous sheep's-wool sponge, said to be the largest ever obtained. It measures ten feet in circumference, and is two feet thick, being quite solid throughout. It was fished up near the Bahama Islands. Being in a small dingy when the hooks fastened themselves in the sponge, the sponge-fishermen nearly upset their boat in their effort to haul the sponge to the surface. When thoroughly soaked this monster sponge is said to hold ten pailfuls of water.

A young hardware merchant at Joliette, named M. H. Leprohon, has had but a brief career. Commencing only a year about, he has now been served with demands of

assignment by two different Montreal hardware houses. Liabilities are \$5,174.—A grocer and huckster at Three Rivers, Jos. Begin, senr., has made an abandonment of his estate, but will likely get a settlement.—Thomas Mercier, of the same city, and in a similar business, is also reported to be seeking a settlement.

One of the most popular men on the road, in the person of D. Rome, of the Williams, Greene & Rome Co., Toronto, died suddenly in this city last week. Every one who knew "Davy," as he was familiarly called, liked him. His pleasant face and genial manner made his visits to the company's customers always welcome ones, while he had a host of other friends. His wife was killed under peculiarly sad circumstances about two years ago, and now the dread la grippe takes him off and leaves the weans fatherless and motherless.

THE benefits which are likely to flow from the construction of the tunnel under the St. Clair River at Sarnia find exemplification in the recent ice blockade in that river, which caused serious inconvenience to the railway managers. With the tunnel in operation, which it will shortly be, there will be no delays or losses from ice jams. The passenger and freight traffic will pass under the river in a continuous stream, and better time, by from half an hour to an hour on the trip, will be made between eastern and western points.

HERE is another instance of a farmer, uneducated in business, going into storekeeping. The result has proved disastrous, as usual:—Dame Zelle Carignan, doing business at Batiscan, Que., under the style of Labissonniere & Co., is insolvent. Her husband, Labissonniere, was formerly of the firm, Labissonniere & Lamonette, who failed in August, 1888, paying about 70 cents on the dollar. The style was then changed as above, with no better results, as a composition was necessary last December. There is still time for Mr. L. to go back to his spring plowing.

CHANGES among business firms in Montreal have been rather numerous this last week or so, and below we give the more important ones. Piche, Tisdale & Painchaud, wholesale hardware dealers, have dissolved, and Mr. Piche continues alone under the style of Piche, Tisdale & Co.—Hodgson Bros., general commission and produce merchants, have also dissolved, Messrs. H. A. & J. A. Hodgson continuing under the same style.—There has been a change in the Star Collar & Box Co., Mr. James Baillie retiring, and G. Mace continu-

ing alone under the old name.—The firm of E. Lefort & Co., manufacturers' agents and importers of French goods, has been dissolved by the retirement of Mr. J. B. A. Mongenais, the special partner.

ON Monday last, a large number of friends and citizens followed to the grave the remains of Mr. George E. Gillespie, of the wholesale firm Gillespie, Ansley & Martin, Toronto, whose death in California some days previously had taken place so unexpectedly and under such sad circumstances. No less than thirty-five of his fellow aldermen attended his funeral; and the expressions of regret heard everywhere at his removal, as that of one who was of great service in the City Council, show that the people are willing to recognize conscientious efforts made in their interest.

HENRY DAKIN of Galt, succeeded in extracting but little current coin from brass, of which he is a founder. His failure, therefore, does not surprise any one.—J. W. Strickland, a dealer in house-furnishings in the same stirring town, did quite a large trade, but not with that margin of profit which would enable him to do business in a satisfactory way to those from whom he bought goods. So he, too, has assigned.—The creditors of John M. Redmond, shoes, Toronto, have been served with a notice of his assignment. The liabilities, not yet known, are due in Montreal and the East.

In his capacity of town treasurer, E. Banister, druggist, of Brampton, was unfortunate enough to fall behind in his accounts, a fact which will doubtless explain the presence of the sheriff in his store last week. He is a man of 65 years, and when in partnership with one Ambrose some years ago, he failed. It is difficult to say, at present, how his affairs will turn out.—William Clayton, watchmaker, Clarksburg; C. A. Fanjoy, photographer, Collingwood; E. & E. Hazard, fancy dry goods, Toronto; Jos. Pim, baker, Toronto; and Thos. Austin, grocer and butcher, Fenelon Falls, are minor assignments which only require this brief chronicle.

Below is what the editor of the Macomb (Ohio) Herald thinks of foreign paper and printing houses that solicit job printing in country towns: "An agent of the Blade Printing Company, of Toledo, came to this office the other day soliciting orders for stock. As we did not need anything in his line, and choosing not to patronize his house anyhow, having agreeable relations with other houses, he had the uncalculated impudence to attempt

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