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For eight years, if not more, John Clark, sr. has been in business as a shipbuilder in Victoria, B.C. For some time past he has been slow pay, and the sheriff recently took possession of twenty-three kegs of powder to satisfy a claim. Finally, Mr. Clark assigned.

THE paper mill at Portneuf, formerly owned by H. B. Young, and the property connected with it, have passed into the hands of the Molsons Bank, Montreal. One of its officials, accompanied by a mechanic, have inspected the property. The mill is to be put in first-class order, so it is stated.

Since January, 1893, S. L. Hunter has been in business as a tailor in Hamilton and has barely made a living. Now he assigns with small liabilities. Other assignments are those of W. B. Larvey, blacksmith, at Euphemia, and Samuel Patton, contractor, at Niagara Falls.--- Walter Patterson & Sons, for many years tanners in Peterboro', are endeavoring to compromise with creditors at 25 per cent.

A CABLE dispatch of Wednesday from London to the Montreal Star says that the trade between Britain and Canada continues to make great strides. The aggregate business for the past four months has increased 36 per cent. Imports from Canada into the United Kingdom increased 70 per cent., while the British imports from all other countries increased only nine per cent. The chief Canadian increases were: Oxen, £71,000; sheep, £10,000; wheat, £14,000; flour, £89,000; bacon, £10,000; hams, £11,000; butter, £8,000; cheese, £99,000; timber and lumber, £77,000.

MERCANTILE reporting associations, mercantile protective associations, collection agencies, commercial reporting agencies: Under these and other names what a number of small concerns have appeared and disappeared during the last thirty years. They mean well, let us hope, but they do not last. The latest one to come to grief is the Guarantee Collecting and Protective Company, of Toronto, whose creditors, we are told, met on Wednesday last and appointed Mr. J. B. Cormack liquidator, with instructions to wind up the estate as rapidly as possible. The principal claim against the company is that of Mr. A. W. Burke, for \$1,900 legal services. There are also shareholders' liabilities, but what these will consist of is not yet known. The only assets appear to be \$1,000 in shareholders' notes.

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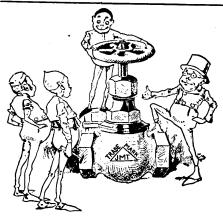
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