

tell you of the North Shore Navigation Company, which is the new steamer line on the Georgian Bay. This year there are four fine steamers in the line, viz., the 'City of Midland,' admirably equipped throughout, having electric lights, etc.; the 'City of London,' the 'Favorite' and the 'Manitou.' The idea, I understand, is to run through to the Sault with the two former, while the 'Favorite' takes the northern route from Collingwood to Killarney and intermediate ports, and the 'Manitou' will run to Parry Sound from Penetanguishene and Midland. The company is a joint stock one, with active managers and good prospects."

The failures in the Province of Quebec for the past week are of minor importance, and are mostly detailed here following: R. H. Metcalf, formerly a carpenter in Montreal, and in a small store business at Aubrey, has assigned.

—Charles Laferriere, a threshing machine manufacturer at Joliette, has compromised liabilities of \$2,200 at 60 cents in the dollar, cash.—George Delisle & Co., general dealers at Chicoutimi, have assigned. Mr. D. was a tanner in Quebec some years ago, unsuccessfully, and had latterly been using his wife's name.—H. Laberge & Co., general dealers, have failed at Ste. Luce. We have heard of Mr. Laberge as failing previously in 1886.—Marc Palardy, in general trade at Eastman, has settled with his creditors at 50 cents in the hundred, secured. Liabilities are \$6,600.—Arthur Arel, a hotel keeper at Ste. Philomene, is seeking a settlement at 25 per cent., cash; he owes \$800.

What with such craft literature as the *Inland Printer*, of Chicago, the *Engraver and Printer*, of Boston, and the *American Bookmaker*, of New York, there is small excuse for any typographer, or pressman, remaining in ignorance of what is latest and best in his particular departments of work. The editors of these instructive and always beautifully printed monthlies are apparently untiring in their efforts to educate the mind and eye of the reading and thinking workman. In addition to much of practical value the first named journal for April devotes considerable space to some hitherto unpublished fragments of verse by Eugene Field, the Chicago poet. These are reproduced from the original manuscripts by the zinc etching process. The *Engraver and Printer* for the same month will prove especially interesting to those job rooms which aim to excel in the publication of catalogues, and the *Bookmaker* appeals not only to the printer but the binder of books as

well. With this last-named journal is given the *American Dictionary of Printing and Bookmaking*, in itself a valuable addition to a printer's library. Part 6 is just to hand.

In this city there are several failures to note this week. Among them is that of J. Powell, grocer, who held a meeting of creditors a few days ago. A statement then presented showed assets of \$650, beside some real estate in which he claims there is a surplus of \$1,250. Under these circumstances creditors would do well if they can secure the offer of 50 per cent., which he makes on liabilities of \$2,100.—Cyrus Noble, who did a small grocery business, is reported away.—The same is also reported of John Brown, builder, who erected two or three rows of houses, and is said to have raised all the money he possibly could thereon. Creditors are now scrambling for any loose assets that remain.—A compromise of 40 per cent. has been arranged by G. E. Trorey, jeweller. Of this 30 per cent. is payable in cash, the balance in three and six months unsecured.—Since Chas. Meredith, confectioner, began business five years ago, he has been troubled with chattel mortgages; now he assigns.—Two years ago C. E. Jackson, tailor, came to Toronto from Prescott, in which place he claimed to own \$4,000 worth of real estate, and really carried a stock of about \$3,000. Now we find that his nominal surplus disappears and he assigns to Campbell & May.

About ten years ago J. C. Roy began keeping a general store at Minden, and in the spring of 1890 he settled with creditors who allowed him a discount of 35 per cent. An inclination to do too large a trade for his locality and means was his besetting sin. Now he has to make an assignment as the penalty.—A meeting of the creditors of Wm. Forest, dealer in furniture at Attwood, was held about two weeks ago, when a statement showing assets of \$3,800 and liabilities of \$500 was presented. Creditors allowed him twenty days to dispose of a farm which he claimed a surplus on, also to realize on his Attwood property, and then make a cash offer. He would have been happier to day had he remained on the farm that he left only three years ago.—George A. Rockola, dealer in pumps, at Listowel, has assigned. His assets have been mortgaged for a considerable time.—Mrs. Haslam, who did a small trade in fancy goods, at Orangeville, assigns.—Another assignment is that of H. H. Day, butcher, Trenton, who has been chattel mortgaged.—Samuel Coffey, general storekeeper,

Centreton, left his farm, which he sold for \$1,500, a little more than a year ago, and began a mercantile business without having knowledge or experience. His assignment, under these circumstances, should be a warning but cannot be a surprise.

EXTENSIVE FRAUDS BY A TORONTO BROKER.

Since Friday last, A. G. Brown, a Toronto broker, has not been seen in the city. He had committed extensive forgeries in connection with the transfer of bank, loan company and insurance stocks. One case was discovered on Thursday week, when Brown was brought to book and refunded \$22,000. He remained in the city a day longer and then fled. He is believed to be now in Mexico, with which country Great Britain has no extradition treaty. It would, at the present moment, be futile to attempt to give the amount of money fraudulently obtained; it is large, probably not less than \$100,000.

—Arkansas, it is now definitely settled by the law of that State, is pronounced Arkansas.

—To prove that the clothes he sells are all wool, a Ridge avenue dealer shows customers the moths in the garments.—*Philadelphia Record*.

—A shipment of 280,000 lbs. of flour, made up in different parts of the American Union, went forward from New York on Tuesday last for the relief of Russian famine sufferers.

—A singular—and the London, Eng., *City Press* thinks almost unique—instance of commercial probity was brought to light a few days ago. In 1879, Mr. H. G. Porter, of St. Paul's Churchyard, was compelled to call his creditors together and made a composition of 14s. in the pound. Fortune has since happily smiled on him, and he is once again basking in the sunshine of prosperity. Mindful of his moral—although in no sense legal—duty to his late creditors, Mr. Porter the other day paid up the balance of 6s. in the pound, together with a further 50 per cent. in lieu of interest.

KOOTENAY.

See advertisement on page 1254 of this paper. Also *Saturday's Globe*, *Thursday's Mail*, *Monday's Empire* and *World* each week for something new about Kootenay; or call at the Kootenay mining office, Board of Trade Buildings, Toronto, and see samples of ore, maps, etc., and be convinced that this is your opportunity.

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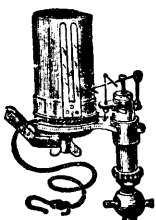
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