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TECHNICAL education is a subject of ever-increasing interest the world over, and we are glad to note that steps are being taken in this country to investigate into the best methods for putting it on a satisfactory basis in this country. The Manufacturers' Association advocates the appointment of a special commission by the Ontario Government for the purpose of establishing day and night schools in this province.

PARKER & PEARCE, who are dry goods dealers in Strathroy, of about ten years' standing, are in difficulty. In March, 1898, they got behind with their payments, and their creditors were then good enough to write off one-third of their claims against the firm. About ten months later their statement showed a surplus of \$5,000, which was principally composed of stock. While they had an attractive store they were heavily weighted with expenses, and suffered from severe competition. All these disadvantages have compelled their assignment.

THE subject of introducing the metric system of weights and measures into Canada is again making itself heard, in consequence of a belief that the United States Congress is about to make a decisive move in the matter. Hon. Mr. Bernier, Minister of Inland Revenue, is said to be favorable to the system, and may, if he can secure the consent of his colleagues in the Cabinet, introduce a measure for its adoption here. Of course such a law would not go into force immediately. The public mind would have to be educated, and names would have to be applied to the weights and measures which could be pronounced and understood generally.

CAPT. CHARLES CATES has just placed in operation, at Vancouver, a new wrecking plant, surnamed the Ox. The outfit is a very strong one, and calculated to lift any weight in connection with the operation of the shipping of the port.

THE Chartered Stenographic Reporters' Association, of Ontario, held its annual meeting last week in Toronto, when A. Downey and T. Bengough were elected to fill the places of three retiring members of the Council. The following officers were named for the ensuing year: President, George Angus; vice-president, T. Bengough; secretary-treasurer, E. Nield.

AN assignment has been made by Harry E. Bassett, who had been a grocer in this city about a year. Formerly he had been employed in clothing stores, and knew almost nothing about groceries, but this did not prevent him going into grocery business. He owes about \$800, and has nominal assets of only half that sum.—Wm. B. Cryslar succeeded to the branch store in this city of the Dominion Piano & Organ Co., in April, 1896, taking over the stock on hand, amounting to \$2,000. This was paid for in cash. His business for some time increased, and in June last his statement showed assets of \$17,700, and liabilities of \$5,200. The sheriff is now in sudden reverse.

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