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much pleased when reading a leading article in it a week or two ago on the subject of farmers holding their butter for the sake of getting sensational prices, when all the time they are so holding it the butter is deteriorating in value.—Yours truly, A. D. U.

A DISTILLERY is in operation in Charleston, S. C., for manufacturing oil from pine wood. The material is subjected to intense heat in sealed retorts, and one cord of it is said to yield fifteen gallons of turpentine, eighty gallons of pine wood oil, fifty bushels of charcoal, 150 gallons of wood vinegar, and a quantity of inflammable gas and vegetable asphaltum. The oil alone is worth about 25c a gallon, and is used by painters and shipbuilders.

Mr. McTAVISH of Lindsay, referred to last week, has been capished again, this time at the instance of a leading boot and shoe house, to whom he owes several hundred dollars. It is evident that Mr. McTavish has committed a blunder or a mistake. We made a slight one ourselves last week, referring to this matter, in saying that Mr. Edmund Guerin had severed his connection with the well-known and prosperous law firm of Greenshields, McCorkill & Guerin.

The principal features of the fourteenth annual statement of the Merchants Bank of Prince Edward Island are: Written off for bad debts \$47,300; payment by shareholders under agreement of April 10th, 1884, \$51,066; net profits for year, deducting interest on current discounted bills \$9,868, and balance carried to

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new account \$4,131. The liabilities to the public are \$320,970, while among the total assets \$374,857, the sum of \$99,423 is "immediately available."

ROCH ARMOUR, Toronto, at one time a conductor on the Northern railway, later on a grocer, and recently a traveller for the Toronto Brewing and Malting Co., has left for parts unknown. He is a defaulter to the amount of about \$2,500, having been employed as collector and traveller. Information has been received by the president of the company, from Buffalo, in which he acknowledges his offence, and expressed the hope that he would be able to refund the money.

W. E. KEMP, of Norham, Northumberland county, Ont., tinsmith and storekeeper, found on taking stock recently that he had assets of only about \$2,500 to pay liabilities of \$3,500. An offer of 50 cents is made. Mr. Kemp was unsuccessful once before.—J. Powell was the only general storekeeper at Westwood, Peterboro' county, Ont., a few years ago, and appeared to be doing well, but what was a good business for one became doubtful under opposition. He has assigned in trust.

Mr. RENE BREault of Stottsville, Que., is in trouble with his creditors. Four of them asked him to assign, but he declined, and was thereupon put under arrest on a capias. A bailiff attempted to execute a seizure before judgment for \$2,016, but found the doors locked against him, and had to obtain an order of the court to execute his mission. Mr. Breault finally assigned to J. O'Kane of St. John, who is claimed to be

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objectionable to most of the creditors. Breault removed from St. John to Stottsville only a few months ago.

ALL sorts of rumors are afloat concerning the position taken by the Insurance Department on the question of legislating for or against the assessment or "pass-the-hat" companies. One describes a banquet at which during the feast of reason [or unreason] and the flow of champagne, opinions were freely expressed, *ex-officio*, favoring the legislation originally proposed. A stenographer, after the manner of Gurney in the "Notes Ambrosiana," is said to have been bidden under the table, and a verbatim report is threatened.

NEW CITY LOAN.—Our readers will learn from our advertising columns that the City of Montreal proposes to place a new 4 per cent loan on the market. The financial position and credit of Montreal is not surpassed on the Continent, and we believe that the revenue of the last year was considerably in excess of its predecessor, and a still further excess is anticipated for the current year. At the present time, when it is difficult to invest money on favorable terms, it is probable that there will be numerous tenders for the new loan.

THOS. SHEA, custom boots and shoes, Halifax, N.S., has assigned to Wm. Partridge. He gave a chattel mortgage for nearly \$200 recently.—Geo. Bishop, who began business in fishing supplies at Digby, N.S., a few years ago, assigned the 23rd ult., showing liabilities of about \$3,000; the assignee gives assets at