

THE C. P. R. land sales for July amounted to 15,000 acres. Compared with past years this is regarded as favorable, although last July the sales were exceptional and exceeded this month's. Since the first of the year the land department have disposed of 80,000 acres.

The flax crop is very heavy this year, and the owners of the mills are well pleased in consequence. In the neighborhood of both Stratford and St. Mary's there is a great demand for men, women and boys to pull the flax. Already large gangs are at work and a demand exists for more labor.

Our Perth exchange thus speaks of the early closing movement as follows: "We believe that this town has lost a lot of money and business by the stores being closed even on three evenings in the week, as it is about the only time that farmers can get into town to do business in summer. The tendency is to build up small country stores."

The assignment of John C. Parker, shoes, Montreal, is announced, with liabilities of about \$15,000. He succeeded to the retail business of James Leggat in the fall of 1885; at first he did fairly well, but subsequently went behind and got into difficulties, and in the spring of 1891 he effected a settlement at 55 per cent., but has had uphill work since which has ended only in the above result.

A. H. OUMET, a retail dry goods dealer, of Montreal, commenced business in a small way in the spring of 1891, but starting in a line that was already over-crowded, he came to grief in March of 1892 and effected a compromise of 50 per cent., spread over 6 months. Shortly afterwards he formed a partnership with one Brodeur, as Oumet & Brodeur, but the new firm have not met with any better success and now assign with liabilities of about \$9,000.

A SETTLEMENT has been arranged by F. X. Mar- rin, general storekeeper, Barrie, at 75 per cent. discount. It will be remembered that he as- signed a week ago.—W. C. Carpenter, a Woodstock builder, has assigned.—Stewart Bros., dry goods dealers, Fort William, came from Renfrew late in the autumn of 1891, and invested \$2,500 in this business. This money was obtained from their father's estate. Not managing as well as they should, and last winter trade being very dull, they got behind. In May last they were sued, and since then they have struggled along until an assignment

became inevitable.—In June, 1891, Robert Smith left Dundas for Hamilton, and opened his jewelry shop there. Now he assigns.—The men's furnishings stock of Keenleyside Bros., Sarnia, was sold to S. Deening & Co. in September, 1892, the purchase amounting to \$4,000. Of this sum \$1,000 was paid in cash. They evidently paid all the stock was possibly worth, and owing to strong opposition, they have been unable to meet their bills. Hence their assignment at this time.—Four years ago James Ferguson opened a shoe store in Attwood, with but little capital, and not being able to add anything to it, he as- signs.—J. J. Brown, a Barrie grain dealer, was supposed a year or so ago to be worth a considerable sum. Losses in real estate and grain have rendered an assignment necessary.—Last week we noted that H. Eckenswiller, general storekeeper, Clifford, was foreclosed under a chattel mortgage, and now assigns.—W. H. Fewings, a St. Thomas tobaccoist, has given a chattel mortgage, and now he assigns.—The bailiff has taken possession of the premises of D. Lamb, a Hamilton spring bed manufacturer.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, August 9th, 1893.

STOCKS.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Average. 1893.
Montreal.....	220	215	192	230	213	226
Ontario.....	114	114	120	114	114	119
People's.....	114	114	120	114	114	109
Molson's.....	169	157	108	165	165	165
Toronto.....	230	230	230	230	230	251
J. Cartier.....	151	150	206	150	149	160
Merchants.....	132	130	146	135	131	146
Commerce.....	132	130	146	135	131	146
Union.....	139	131	964	135	133	145
M. Teleg.....	73	70	462	50	49	73
Rich. & Ont.....	163	160	493	165	169	131
Street Ry.....	190	187	1218	165	165	205
Gas.....	71	69	320	71	70	88
C. Pacific Ry.....	130	130	44	135	127	160
Land gr't b'ds.....						
N. W. Land.....						
Bell Tele.....						
Montreal 4%.....						

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