

THE new passenger steamer "Mislasini" was destroyed by fire Friday night at Lake St. John. This vessel, which cost over \$20,000, and had accommodation for 300 passengers, was run on the route between Roberval and the Grande Discharge. She was burned at her wharf

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at Roberval, and the origin of the fire is unknown. The vessel is partially insured and it is said will be rebuilt during the coming winter.

SEVERAL traders, whose difficulties we have already mentioned, are claiming notice again. J. B. McNulty, general storekeeper, of Ange Gardien, Que., is now offering 50 cents in the dollar, cash. The compromise offer of U. F. Drouin, hardware dealer, Quebec, has apparently not been accepted, as he has now assigned to Court with liabilities of \$9,000. A demand of assignment has been taken out against E. Parent, manufacturer of shoes at Terrebonne, Que., who was noted last April as effecting a settlement at twenty cents in the dollar.

In the summer of 1897, J. P. McCall commenced dry goods storekeeping at St. Johns, Que., prior to which he was engaged as a clerk. Beginning with only a limited capital, he did not make much of a success of his business, in face of keen competition. In February, 1899, he purchased the stock of H. Samuels, of Sherbrooke, and removed to that city, but be-

ing sued by different parties a demand of assignment was made on him last May. He, however, contested the writ, and matters "hung fire" for awhile, but he was finally compelled to assign.

A GENERAL storekeeper at Bic, Quebec, H. R. Voyer by name, has assigned, owing but a moderate amount. He started in a modest way in May, 1898, but gave too much credit, and now finds neither money nor goods in hand to pay his debts with, though he has plenty outstanding accounts.

CROP reports received state that there never was a year in which the prospects were better than at present. From every part of Manitoba and the Territories the most enthusiastic reports are sent and indications are that this year will be a record breaker in the line of wheat.—Winnipeg Telegram.

THE Nova Scotia crop report for the province just issued by the Secretary of Agriculture shows that hay as well as other crops will be fully up to if not above the average. The potato crop and all root crops promise an abundant yield, being five to ten per cent. above the average. So with oats and other grain crops. Insect pests have not given much annoyance this season. The potato beetle has ceased to be a scourge of late years.

TWENTY years ago the city of Winnipeg was a very small town. Merchants who were trading there then and are still there have seen the hand of twentieth century advancement work in a rapid way. Chas. Wellband is one of that city's pioneer shoe merchants. He has been well off at times, and at other times hard up, like most other business men. We hear now however, that he has made an assignment, and a statement of the inspector shows assets of only \$2,600, against liabilities of nearly \$6,000.

THE following companies have been incorporated in British Columbia: Columbia Commercial Company, Ltd., of Vancouver, capital, \$25,000; British Columbia Stationery Company, Ltd., of Vancouver, capital, \$50,000; the Wellington Mines, Ltd., of Greenwood, capital, \$1,000,000; California & Clipper Silver-Lead Mines, Ltd., of Nelson, capital, \$1,000,000; Rossland-Ymir Gold Mining Company, of Rossland, capital, \$500,000; Scottish-Canadian Mining and Development Company, of British Columbia, of the British Columbia Mainland, capital, \$1,500,000.

A DEMAND of assignment has been taken out against R. F. Bicknell of St. Henri, Quebec, who started last spring as a pork packer, coming from Camden East, Ont., where he had been of the firm of Stover & Bicknell, until January of the present year. He claimed to be worth a fair surplus in opening in St. Henri, and was thought to be worth some means, but apparently business did not prosper with him, for he is reported to have left Montreal on the 18th July, and not being able to find him to force an assignment, creditors have petitioned the Court to call a meeting of creditors to appoint a curator to his estate. The Judge has fixed the date of meeting for August 7th.

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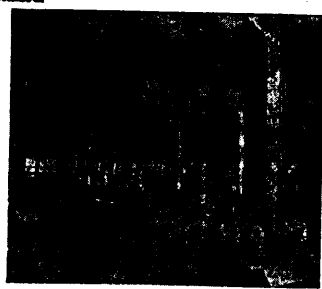
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