THE value of the new buildings erected in Hamilton during the year 1892 is given at $466,170 as compared with $305,675 in 1891.

THE Customs' receipts at the port of Montreal during December amounted to $512,306. In the same month of 1891 they were only $431,236.

THE mileage receipts received from the street railway by the city of Toronto for the past three months amount to $14,089, which is an increase of $406 over the previous quarter.

SMALL shipments of smelts are being made from the Miramichi to Montreal and Toronto, and heavier shipments will be made to the United States markets when colder weather sets in.

MR. KLEIN, butcher, of Berlin, has purchased from farmers and made over 1,000 barrels of cider, which he will sell in Chicago next summer while the World's Columbian Fair is being held.

AMHERSTBURG ratepayers have carried the by-law granting $25,000 to the Windsor, Sandwich and Amherstburg Railway; also the bonus of $5,000 to the M. C. R. R. for extension into the town.

HALIFAX expended last year over half a million dollars on new buildings. About 125 dwellings have been erected at an average cost of $3,000 each, a class of house for which a steady demand has existed.

AN Ottawa tailor named D. Hunter is seeking a composition at the rate of 50 cents on the dollar. He began tailoring about three years ago on very limited capital, and has had to face very keen competition.

A LIVERPOOL letter dated December 17th, says that the arrivals of apples to date are 516,-229 barrels at that port, as compared with 578,136 last season: Receipts show a falling off lately, and are comparatively moderate. The market has been very disappointing.

AN industrial association for the encouragement of manufactures, &c., has been formed in Toronto. The gentlemen whose names follow have been elected chairmen of committees: Advertising, printing and distribution of information, Thomas McCraken; encouragement of established industries, W. Millichamp; applications for locations and capital for new industries, P. G. Close; manufacturers' and mining exchange, hotel and tourist business, J. R. Roaf.

IT is purposed to liquidate the wholesale crockery business of Messrs. Douglass & McNiece, of Montreal. Their business has not been remunerative for some years past, and the serious state of Mr. Douglass' health has led to the above decision.

NEWBERRY & WELLS, of Melita, Man., who had some property and $800 cash, started as general storekeepers in Aug., 1891, but were evidently not successful. Lately they have been slow pay, and now three different creditors sue them and an assignment is made to S. A. D. Bertrand.

AT Wyandotte, Michigan, on Detroit river, there are four steel steamers on the stocks—two are side-wheel passenger boats for the Detroit & Cleveland company, costing $300,000 each; the third is a package freight boat for the New York Central railway, and the fourth a coarse freight steamer for Capt. E. M. Peck and others.

THE Boston *Wool Reporter* is calling out, "Let overseers' and operatives' protective leagues now be organized to oppose any destruction of that policy of moderate protection upon manufactured goods which has been in accordance with the wishes of the majority of the American people since the government was first organized."

NEXT week the general stock of R. Parker & Co., Hillsdale, will be sold; also the men's furnishing stock of Tolton Bros, at Stratford, by auction.——Thos. Fisher & Co.'s stock at Bolton was sold on the 5th inst.——Millichamp & Sons, show case manufacturers, in Toronto, advertise that they will sell out and retire from business.

SEVERAL important changes are announced in the local management of the Bank of British Columbia. The *Columbian* has it that Mr. Frederick Townsend will be inspector of the United States branches of the bank, and Mr. Ward, the late manager at Victoria, will be inspector of branches in that province. Mr. George Gillespie will manage the Victoria branch, and Mr. Murray succeeds to the management of the Vancouver branch.

To "crawl under the barn" is an expression one hears and generally associates with timidity. It could not have been a very bold burglar, therefore, who, when he had robbed the safe of the Canadian Express Co. at Sarnia of some $6,000, hid the bills under a barn in an old stove-pipe, where they were found a week ago by a detective.

J. P. LARIVEE began a small hat business in Montreal last spring. He has already failed. Liabilities a little over $2,000; assets about $1,600.——Joseph G. Cote, a small Montreal grocer, is seeking a compromise.——Beaudry & Co., running a small crockery and fancy goods business, in the 10 and 25c. way, have assigned.

ACCORDING to the St. John *Globe* of Friday last, C. B. McDougall, of McDougall & Sons, distillers, Halifax, N.S., has made an assignment of all books and debts due the firm. McDougall & Sons are reported to have suspended payments, but claim that their assets exceed their liabilities. The MacDougall Distillery Company is not in any trouble.

A FIRM of dry goods merchants in Quebec, Blagon & Paradis, doing business in St. John street, have assigned at the instance of Thibaudeau, Frere & Co. The total liabilities will reach $8,865.19, and the assets $9,000. Mr. H. A. Bedard has been named provisional guardian, and a meeting of creditors is called for the 12th inst.

A MEETING of the creditors of J. B. Johnson, dealer in men's furnishing goods, New Westminster, B. C., will be held next week. About a year and a half ago he bought the stock of D. J. McDonald, and at that time gave a chattel mortgage for $8,300. Last month this was closed and now he assigns. Outside creditors need not expect a dividend.

THE old established firm of Messrs. M. Kortosk & Co., wholesale furs, Montreal, have been in somewhat weakly shape of late, and the absconding of E. A. Benjamin recently, with whom they were involved through accommodation paper, &c., necessitated a suspension. They are proposing a composition at 15 cents on the dollar. They owe $13,000 direct, and show the very disproportionate indirect liability of $64,000.

THERE are but few failures to notice this week of traders in Toronto. J. J. Blain, a speculative builder, was some time ago supposed to be in a fair position, but he now assigns to E. R. C. Clarkson.——To-morrow the bailiff is advertised to sell the tailoring stock of Best & Stone. They have been in business about two years.——For many years J. P. May was employed as a drug clerk in the eastern part of the city, but in October, 1890, he began business on his own account, investing, it is stated, $3,000. We hear of his assignment this month, for reasons not stated.

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