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— It may not be generally known that the Metropolitan Plate Glass Insurance Company of New York, represented in this city by Mr. R. J. Lonsdale, a gentleman long and favorably known in insurance circles here, is the only institution of the kind recognized by the authorities in Ottawa as doing business in Canada. The article on another page will be read with interest by those who possess the luxury of plate glass windows which, notwithstanding their strength, are not by any means free from accidents.

— At an auction sale of insurance shares in London, recently, ten £100 shares in the Imperial Fire Office (£25 paid) brought an average of £111 14s; fifty £25 shares in the London and Southwark Insurance Company (£8 paid) brought £3 10s. per share, and sixteen shares in the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company (£2 10s paid) were sold at par.

— We notice that a writ of attachment has been issued against E. B. Eddy, the well-known lumberman of Hull. His affairs have been in a state of uncertainty since the summer of '73, since which time various efforts have been made to effect a settlement satisfactory to all concerned, but without any good results. A meeting is called for the nineteenth of December.

— The stock of L. N. Henault, dry goods, Quebec, whose somewhat discredited failure was the cause of much unfavorable comment of late, has been sold to F. Simard at 70 cents on the dollar. Mr. Henault's creditors are not disposed to grant him any settlement.

— R. J. Duckett, who compromised in the dry goods business in this city about eighteen months ago, and who has since been doing a bankrupt stock business at Joliette and Sorel, assigned at the latter named place.

— Colpron & Frère, general merchants, of St. Isidore, a firm who have stood well in the

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past, but who of late have been much pressed and seeking frequent renewals, find themselves unable to continue without some general indulgence from creditors, and have called a meeting for the purpose of submitting their affairs to this end.

— An American exchange says:—A great number of processes for imitating butter have been patented, but the product was in most instances apt soon to get rancid, or too unlike the genuine article to sell readily. A new and better mode is said to have been devised. Fat is thoroughly pressed, forced through a fine sieve, melted, and allowed to settle. The clear oil is then drained off, cooled, and churned with sour milk, annatto, and bicarbonate of soda, thus acquiring a flavor and odor of butter. It is, lastly, worked and packed in the usual way. The substance really possesses all the qualities of butter and is wholesome; but a drawback for the manufacture is that it also costs about as much.

— Messrs. E. Hudon, Fils & Co., wholesale dry goods merchants, have assigned. Their troubles commenced some eight or nine years ago through the failure of J. G. Tranchemontagne, of Berthier, a heavy operator in grain, in whom they were largely interested. The loss thus incurred crippled them somewhat. Later on the junior member of the firm engaged in real estate speculations, which did not result favorably, and he had to assign individually, and withdraw from the business. Finding themselves unable to meet maturing engagements they called their creditors together last January, at which time they obtained an extension of 6, 12, 18 and 24 months. This arrangement they have apparently, been unable to carry out, and, on a writ of attachment having been issued on Tuesday, they assigned. Meeting, 26th December.

— The estate of Messrs. Bond Bros. has, w

understand, been placed in liquidation, and Mr. P. S. Ross has been appointed trustee, with the consent of the banks and principal creditors interested. There only remains some six or eight more to be seen, and it is expected these will also give their adherence to the proposition.

— Since September 12th over \$6,000 have been collected from liquor dealers by Government for infringements of the License Act. The number of cases for selling liquor without license has been legion, and it is expected before Spring next that over \$40,000 will be added to the Revenue by the fines of infringers.

— Mr. Duchene, chief clerk Grand Trunk freight office at Point Levis, left last week for parts unknown, taking with him some hundreds of dollars belonging to the company and the express office. The unfortunate man has left behind him a letter explaining all. The companies robbed will lose nothing, but the Citizens' Guarantee Company, in which Mr. Duchene held a policy, will have to make good the full amount.

— A private telegram from Newfoundland states that the herring fishery at Bonne Bay and Bay of Islands has proved a failure. Most of the fish caught in these bays is sold to Boston merchants. The failure, it is reported, will have the effect of strengthening the market here and in the States.

— The Grand Trunk Railway Company made an advance on freights last Friday. Flour rates are now from Toronto to Kingston, 25c; Montreal, 30c; St. Johns, Que., 40c; St. Hyacinthe, Que., 45c; Quebec, 50c. For the Maritime Provinces, St. John's and Halifax, by Portland 65c, and by Intercolonial 60c. One-half these rates are charged for grain. The Lake Marine Insurance closed yesterday, and navigation virtually at an end for this season, the railways having the carrying trade now in their