

The Standard Drain Pipe Company, of St. John's, Quebec, has declared an 8 per cent. yearly dividend.

At the canning factory at St. John's, Quebec, the quantity of tomatoes put up this year is only about half of the output of 1888.

The ratepayers of Portage du Fort last week carried a by-law granting a sum of money by way of loan to aid the woollen factory erected by Messrs. Reid.

A DEALER in tan bark at Danville, Que., whose apparent operations would hardly lead one to suppose that his indebtedness was so large, proposes to his creditors that they should accept 25 per cent. on liabilities of \$52,000. His name is N. A. Parent.

Buisson & Co., a firm of dry goods dealers at Three Rivers, Que., have assigned to the Court: L. T. F. Buisson, the principal in the firm, is reported to have failed once before, if not oftener, and started the present business in the summer of 1888 under his wife's name.

JOSEPH LECLERC, of the city of Montreal, a dealer in pictures and furniture on the instalment plan, is reported "away," and a meeting of creditors has been ordered for the 21st inst. He was formerly of Leclerc & Cusson, who dissolved in, 1888, owing to lack of harmony between the partners; at that time they showed a nominal surplus of \$9,000, of which amount Cusson took out \$1,500. In January last Leclerc had to ask an exten-

sion, but subsequently assigned, getting a composition which has not been completed. His affairs will likely turn out badly.

ACCORDING to the *Journal des Transports* the average annual mileage of locomotives in different countries is as follows:—58,550 miles in the United States, 50,830 miles in India, 47,690 miles in Great Britain, 43,530 miles in France, 39,190 miles in Italy, 32,960 miles in Belgium, 30,770 miles in Germany, and 30,700 miles in Austria.

Z. AUERBACH, a Montreal jobbing jeweller, whose record in the past has been marked by more than an ordinary lack of success, is again reported in difficulty. He has been doing business of late years under the style of J. Auerbach & Co., in quite a moderate way, and present liabilities are only about \$3,700.

DAME U. J. ROBILLARD, general dealer at Beauharnois, Que., has been served with a demand of assignment at the instance of J. Grenier & Co., Montreal. Her husband was one of the most extensive merchants of the place for many years, but failed in 1870, and again in 1879, since which latter date, the business has been in the wife's name. Liabilities are stated at \$12,700.

H. M. CRAIG, a Montreal jobber in men's furnishings, is asking a settlement from creditors on the basis of 25 cents on the dollar. He owes \$7,200, and has nominal assets of \$3,500. Mr. C. was formerly of the firm of

Craig & Collette, who compromised in 1885.

—In the same city, T. Connolly, furniture dealer, has assigned; he owes \$1,800, a considerable proportion of the amount being due to western men. —Isaie Lesperance, a Montreal butcher, has also failed; he owes \$3,721.

CARON, LECLERC & Co., of Louiseville, and Edouard Caron, of River du Loup en haut, both concerns dealing in hay and grain to a considerable extent, have assigned on demand. Liabilities not yet known. Mr. E. Caron, the principal capitalist in the concern, had lost considerable of late, not only in business, but in election matters. —A dealer in shoes at Vercheres, Que., named F. Perrin, is in trouble. He compromised in 1887 at 25 cents in the dollar on liabilities of \$2,000. He has now assigned owing \$1,740.

WHEN Isidore Miller bought the hardware stock of J. Knowles & Son in this city three years ago, he had, it is said, but \$200. This he paid down on the purchase and gave his note for the balance. Fortune must have smiled upon him, for in 1888 he claimed to have paid for all the stock, and in April last submitted figures which indicated a surplus of \$3,700. This would seem to have been wide of the mark, for he now offers creditors 50 cents on the dollar. His father appears on the list for about \$1,500.

J. T. BETHUNE & Co., grocers at Fort William, have been two years in business. In May last they claimed a surplus of \$3,000, but this must have been largely nominal, for the firm is now offering a compromise settlement at 67½ cents on the dollar. —Although out of business since 1888, there is a failure now recorded against J. Brothers & Sons, foundry, at Milton. This is likely in connection with their financial embarrassment of a year ago. The senior member had been in trade for upwards of twenty-five years. —W. T. Easton, a dealer in shoes in this city, has assigned. —So has Wm. Watson, a general store keeper at Cadmus. He gave considerable credit, and found collections very slow.

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