

At Windsor, a vinegar factory is to be added to the works of the Dominion Canning, Preserving, and Distilling Works. It will make vinegar from cider, and the champagne cider department is stocked with 27,000 gallons. Fruit brandy will also be made.

In Russia the telegraphic system is under Government control. One of its rules requires that no female telegraphist shall marry any one not employed as a telegraphic operator, and it also requires that in case of sickness the wife shall be the substitute of the man, and perform double service.

Among the applications this week for incorporation by letters patent is that of Charles Riordon, John George Riordon, and W. J. Douglas, all of Toronto; Thomas H. Taylor and John A. Marquis, of St. Catharines, as the Riordon Paper Mills Co., with headquarters at Merriton. Capital stock \$500,000.

A cargo of farm and other produce for the British West Indies was this month put on board the brigantine "Hattie Louise." It is particularized as under: 2,000 sacks white oats, 500 barrels of potatoes, 100 bales hay, and 19 cases canned lobsters, under deck; on deck, 20 horses, 56 sheep, 150 geese, with feed, etc. The total value of the cargo at point of shipment is about \$7,000.

The serenity of the business community at Uxbridge has been somewhat disturbed by the unexpected failure of the banking firm of W. S. Black & Co. The indebtedness is said to reach in the neighbourhood of \$60,000 and the assets about \$50,000. Mr. Black is also a physician, but it is doubtful if anything in the pharmacopoeia will heal the wounded purses of his creditors.

The Summerside, P.E.I., *Journal* tells of an unusual sight. It was neither more nor less than a collection of 1,672 live and noisy geese, kept by Mr. R. C. Macleod, of that town, in a field near his dwelling for some days. He put them—we are not told how—on board the steamer, and went with the consignment as far as Point du Chene, N.B., where they were shipped on especially prepared railway cars, en route for Mansfield, Mass.

It is a matter deserving of record that a merchant has been continuously in business for forty years. This can be said of Mr. John A. Mackie, general merchant, Berlin, who retired from business last week. We are told that Mr. Mackie commenced business in Bridgeport, Waterloo County, in company with Alexander Davidson, in October, 1849. In 1852 he re-

moved to Berlin, where he has been ever since that date. He is said to be the only person in the County of Waterloo that was selling goods behind a retail counter forty years ago. We hope that such a veteran retires with pockets comfortably lined.

AFTER having had charge of the counting house of *Picturesque Canada* in this city for the past ten years, Mr. Frank G. Morley seeks a change of vocation that will bring him into closer contact with mother earth, and her outer air. He thinks he has found this desideratum in real estate, and although being about the "mildest mannered man that ever scuttled ship," has that within which will doubtless ensure him a patient hearing as he tells his little story.

A COMPANY has laid a main in Fulton street, New York, and will shortly begin to supply the butchers of Washington market with cold air. The supply may be regulated by a cock. The air is made frigid by the ammonia system. The butchers will use the space formerly occupied by ice to put meat in. The company intends to supply restaurants and saloons, and possibly summer resorts in the city, just as soon as it gets its pipes laid.

FOLLOWING the failure of J. G. Chalmers, a general store firm at Moose Jaw, in Assiniboia, comes the instruction to wind up the estate. —At Wapella, Man., G. H. Morrison & Co., also in the same line of trade, have called their creditors together, who find the total assets to be \$8,824 and liabilities \$6,000. Before granting the firm's request for an extension of fourteen months, those interested will investigate affairs more closely.

C. A. KYLE, druggist, Thorold; E. H. Clark, painter, Toronto; J. H. Linfoot, beer bottler, Hamilton; J. T. White, dry goods, Elora; Geo. Pickles, grocer, London; W. McDonald, butcher, Owen Sound; Wood & Charlton, books, Vancouver, B.C.; Waterman Harlow, general store, Molega Mines, N.S.; Byron G. Robertson, trader, St. John, N.B.; and Jos. White, hotel, Callender, figure in the list of the minor mishaps of the week in business circles.

THE St John *Globe* prints some particulars of the will of the late Thomas E. Grindon, Esq., who died recently at Bristol, Eng., showing that he has made several bequests to persons in that city, where he formerly resided. To Isaac McElroy, of St. Stephen, his oldest customer, a man who entered his shop the first morning he started business in St. John and

purchased a great part of his stock-in-trade, he has left £500. It is not often that a shopkeeper remembers his first customer in so substantial a way, dear as his memory often is.

A BUSINESS embarrassment of some years ago forced Alex. McDonald, general dealer at Campbellford, to use his wife's name for the transaction of business. When he could properly substitute his own he admitted a partner, who, with him, failed in 1888. The stock was repurchased at 75c. on the dollar, but Mr. McDonald's lack of ability has handicapped him and he again assigns. —The creditors of H. W. Surerus, a boot and shoe dealer at Dundas, will meet to-day, when the causes which led to his failure after a year's trial will be enquired into.

It is always a matter of regret to find the efforts of an earnest, assiduous merchant frustrated by the changes and chances of trade. In the case of Mr. John R. Monro of St. Catharines, grocer and china dealer, present embarrassment seems to be the result of a dull season flooding him with an excessive stock. Mr. Monro does not owe very much; only \$10,500, he tells us, the amount having been unfortunately stated by a city daily at \$45,000. He is to meet his creditors on Monday next, and so far as we have learned there is a general disposition on the part of his creditors to give him reasonable consideration.

FOR fourteen years Angus McKay has sought profit from his general store at Ripley. He was burnt out in 1885, and although then showing a small surplus his creditors allowed him a discount of 25 per cent. To-day, however, finds him an insolvent. — From a financial view, to have been a son-in-law of Jas. Pickard, of Exeter, at one time in his career, would have been looked on by very worldly people as a "good snap," to use a slang phrase. But J. N. Hooper, of Shelburne, finds the same somewhat of a disadvantage, inasmuch as he is on Mr. P.'s paper for about \$5,000. This has resulted in the failure of Mr. Hooper. — Starting largely on borrowed capital, Sashbrook & Simmons, dealers in boots and shoes at London, have found it a hard matter to get rich but not to get credit. They owe \$9,000, principally to Montreal firms.

MANY a shopkeeper in Canada has been troubled by the frosting over of his shop windows in such a way as to conceal the attractions which his labor and ingenuity had placed there to attract the eye of the passer-by. It is understood by the *Dry Goods Chronicle* that the method described below for

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The latest from Quebec account of whiskey of St. Lawrence. On the 10th of the month, the customs officer, proceeding to be taken against P. B. of Orleans, who seems to be a whiskey. Against Jos. B. are six accusations; the schooners "Flying" and "Marie Ann," are grocers and a doctor, as having smuggled whiskey, and the officers other offenders.

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