

THE total amount of real and personal property in Yorkville is \$12,162,752.

ANOTHER competitor for the smallest dividend paid in Ontario is the estate of Messrs. Dunham Wilson & Co., of Listowel, the creditors of which receive the sum of 6½ cents in the \$.

COAL shipments have begun from Louisburg Harbor, Cape Breton, says a Halifax paper, a cargo of 260 tons was to be loaded last week, the pier having been fitted for shipping.

THE following are the shipments of coal from Pictou up to last week:—Halifax Co., 88,474; Acadia Co., 46,075; Intercolonial Co., 42,000; Vale Co., 17,993; total 194,542.

AT Sydney Mines, on the 13th inst., 923 tons of coal were raised, the largest day's work ever done at these mines. Seven ocean steamers coaled there in one past week—"the first good fall experience since 1873."

Two thousand four hundred and ninety four tons of Spring Hill coal were shipped over the Intercolonial last week.

THE Post Office Inspectors' Division, hitherto known as the East Toronto Division has been changed to the "Barrie Division" under Mr. Daniel Spry, with head quarters at Barrie.

IT is stated that Mr. T. M. Clark, of Ottawa, has sold the right to manufacture his patent white bricks in the United states to a company in Glen's falls, N. Y., for the sum of \$60,000.

THE definition of a Communist given years ago by Ebenezer Elliott may aptly be quoted at the present day:

What is a Communist? One who hath yearnings
For equal division of unequal earnings.
Idler or bungler, or both, he is willing
To fork out his penny and take up your shilling.

THE aggregate assessment of the United Counties of Leeds & Grenville, apart from Brockville and Prescott, is \$11,978,059.

JAMES MCKENZIE, general storekeeper, of Sydney, C.B., is about to be placed in bankruptcy by Arthur & Co., of Glasgow, Scotland.

LAMARCHE, Demers, Prevost & Co., retail dry goods dealers of Montreal, are dissolving, Mr. Demers retiring.

THE Montreal Manufacturing Company, an amalgamation of the old Kendall Sewing Machine Co. and other interests, is in difficulties and about being placed in insolvency.

THE Montreal City Attorney is engaged looking up the rights of the Telegraph companies with respect to the erection of poles in the streets; the ungainly looking objects are now very thick.

THE working of some clauses of the Weights and Measures act has stirred up the scale makers in Montreal. On Tuesday, Hon. Mr. Baby, Minister of inland revenue had conference with leading men in the trade and promised that the Department would endeavour to rectify the causes of complaint.

N. & J. RAYMOND, shippers, &c., of Church Point, N.S., called a meeting of creditors on 19th inst.; their liabilities are about \$12,000, and assets \$4,000.

CHAS. N. COCK, picture dealer, of Truro, N.S.,

is in difficulties, and the assignee calls creditors together for December 5th, to consider the insolvent's offer of 25 per cent., payable in four equal instalments of three, six, nine and twelve months, without security.

W. & G. WATT, general merchants of New-castle, N.B., write some of their creditors at St. John, that they will meet creditors early in next month, with a view to a settlement of their difficulties.

A wine dealer of St. John, N.B., Mr. M. A. Finn, is in financial difficulties, and will have to make some arrangement or assign. His liabilities are \$21,000, with assets of a little over half that amount.

PROCEEDINGS in bankruptcy are being taken against Andrew J. Armstrong, liquor dealer of St. John, N.B., whose place is now closed. Henry Gorrie has also assigned in the same city. Armstrong's liabilities are about \$5,500, and assets very small.

THE Hochelaga Cotton Co. intend adding a bag factory to their works, where the manufacture of seamless bags will give employment to a large number of additional hands.

MESSRS Gerhard Lomer and S. W. Beard of Montreal, Alfred Brown, T. A. Dawes and J. P. Dawes of Lachine are applying for letters patent to incorporate the Pioneer Beet Root Sugar Co., (limited) at Coaticook Quebec. The capital is to be \$150,000 in shares of \$100 each.

GEO. RICE, R. A. Starke, R. G. Starke, Alex. Murray, Robert Craik, Walter Roach and Robert Hope, of Montreal, give notice that they will apply for incorporation as the "North American Chemical Company" for the purpose of manufacturing and refining salt and other substances, at Montreal; capital stock \$15,000.

THE quantities of lumber to be held over this season on the north shore of New Brunswick, including Kent, Northumberland and Restigouche, is about sixty millions of feet, so says a St. John despatch. Nevertheless, preparations are being made for vigorous operations in the lumber woods of Carleton Co. more than last winter, according to a letter in the *Telegr. ph.*

THE councils for the settlement of trade disputes in France in their last year considered 35,046 cases. Of this number, 25,834 were heard in private, and a reconciliation was effected in 18,415 (71 per cent.); 7,555 could not be reconciled, and were remitted for hearing to the general council, and 9,070 differences were settled upon advice of the councils. As to the causes of dispute, 21,368 cases were relative to wages; 4,733 to dismissal, and 1,795 to matters affecting apprentices.

THE popular ticket agent and forwarder in St. John, Mr. W. H. Olive, who since his financial troubles of 1876 has been trying to clear up old obligations even after he got his discharge in insolvency, finds that owing to losses by the great fire, and to the lull in business in the past year, he cannot meet what he has undertaken, and is again in difficulty. Though no longer Intercolonial Railway agent, he continues his forwarding and Custom house business.

THE Brantford *Courier* states that Mr. Clayton Slater has purchased four acres of land on the Holmedale for a cotton factory. He will use the same water power that runs Mr. Plewes' flouring mill and Mr. Slingsby's woolen factory. The Board of Trade of that city has recommended the Council to give a bonus of \$5,000 towards the undertaking, on which condition Mr. Slater agrees to work 100 looms, employing 80 hands on cotton goods and 120 on winceys, and to make a deed of the mill property as security for their bonus. The by-law to this effect is being prepared by the solicitors of that city.

Two deaths occurred last week of business men well known in St. John. One of the old dry goods merchants of that city, Mr. W. G. Lawton, who came from Wakefield, Eng., about 1839, a resident of St. John for forty years, for some twenty years of the firm of Lawton & Vassie, wholesale dealers, a director of the Bank of New Brunswick, and a very estimable man, died on the 21st inst., having suffered a paralytic stroke some time before. The other death, occurring on the same day, was that of Mr. W. H. Sinnott, formerly of the firm of Forbes & Sinnott, and one of the most genial and popular of the younger barristers of the city. A large circle of friends will mourn his untimely removal.

THE abandoned Yarmouth ship *Royal Charter* was insured in the following offices: Commercial \$5,300; Oriental \$4,200; Acadian \$4,000; Marine \$3,500; Atlantic \$2,000.

DURING the past season 800 immigrants, principally farm hands and miners, have arrived at Ottawa port. All were furnished with employment; the farm laborers on the Canada Central Extension and Lachine canal improvements, and the miners on the other side of the river. Of the 800, 200 arrived since the 1st of October, being sent by the Antwerp agent of the Allan line, Mr. Willis thinks it will be impossible to place any more in the Ottawa district this season.

A LARGE lumber and planing mill concern in Montreal, that of McGauvran, Tucker & McDonald, have found themselves unable to continue business without getting the indulgence of their creditors, and a meeting is the result. The house has long been in a cramped condition, owing to their means being largely locked up in real estate, mortgages, &c., of uncertain market value, and their financing has been expensive. We are told that the house shows over \$100,000 nominal surplus, which is in unwieldy shape, and if pressure were applied it would shrink largely. It is doubtful if even an extension to pay in full will be attempted.

AMONG recent failures is that of Mr. John St. Leger Peel, of Manitowaning, Manitoulin Island, recently out from Ireland, who had some ready money when he came to Canada, which he claims to have lost in land transactions and in his business. Matters were found on his failure to be in a most unsatisfactory state and creditors had little hopes of getting more than