

He leaves, we understand, considerable property and what is better, a good name.

We learn from the Chicago *Inter-Ocean* that the Western Transportation Company has decided upon having two more steel steamships to ply upon the lakes of the same build and dimensions as the *Albany* and *Syracuse*, and will order their construction during the coming winter by the Detroit Dry Dock Company. The steamers named are the most successful craft that have been constructed on the lakes in many years. "They have speed, beauty of outline and proportions, and large capacities for carrying freight, and are provided with large fore and aft canvas, which can be turned to account in the event of their machinery breaking down. In every respect they are fine vessels, and resemble, except in point of size, the large ocean steamships. Their cost was about \$200,000 apiece."

A JEWELLER in Forest, Ont., H. C. Collamore, has assigned; so also has Thos. Abbot, general store keeper at Centralia, whose assets amount to about \$1,000 and whose liabilities are \$1,600. R. McPherson, grocer, Oshawa, has assigned. The landlord is in possession for rent, and creditors will not get much.—The Sheriff is in possession of the Walkerton Lumber Co., a joint stock concern. No particulars are as yet obtainable.—The assignment is noted of G. A. Huff, dry goods dealer and milliner at Port Dover.—A city jeweller, Wm. Alexander, has assigned, showing liabilities of \$7,000 and assets of half this sum. He is said to have neglected his business.—After eight years of unsuccessful effort W. H. Pilbano, a tin smith of Waterford has assigned.—Barber, Warner & Co., wholesale milliners of this city, have effected a compromise at 60c. on the dollar.

MESSRS. BELDING, PAUL & Co., the Montreal silk manufacturers, explain in a letter to last Saturday's *Witness* that in order to meet American competition they have been obliged to make certain lines of cheap sewing silks. Thus, "When we first made this brand of goods we made all sizes full length, and of course had to charge accordingly. Our American cousins sent in at that time a similar brand which was put up short, and the result was that our honest full length goods were left unsold. To meet this competition we duplicated the goods in short lengths, at a reduced price, and they met with immediate favor. In the end we had to re-work the entire stock of full length spools. Our best yard goods bear our name, and will average full length in all sizes and colors. . . . You, Mr. Editor, will probably ask us "why do you make the cheap goods if you do not wish to sell them?" Our answer is simply because, if we

do not make them our friends across the line will very soon supply the market with them."

Among the "tobacco and cigar news" of the New York *Commercial Bulletin*, we find the following: At San Sebastian a *vega* was sold at \$80—a good figure. At Rio Seco an offer of \$50 for the entire stock was refused. Owing to late rains, the price of seedlings has declined considerably and are now offered at \$2 per thousand. At Luis Lazo the entire stock of '83 crop was sold during the week. The average price paid was from \$60 to \$70, as to assortment and *vega*. At San Luis the following growers have begun to house their *temprano*, or early leaf; Juan Ramos, Antonio Cruz, Luis Cabrera and Silverio Ramos. A Cienfuegos contemporary says that from January last year to date (December) 6,832 cigar makers have left this island and taken their abode in the United States. Messrs. Conill & Son, well known tobacco dealers in this city, are reported to have made some purchases of leaf at Rio Peo (Vuelta Abajo) at prices with which the *vegueros* are far from being satisfied.

—The annual meeting of the Canada Investment and Agency company was held in Montreal last week, when the annual reports, which were very satisfactory, were submitted and adopted. The following gentlemen were elected directors for the ensuing year:—Hon. J. J. C. Abbott, Hon. Thomas Ryan, Hon. James Ferrier, Messrs. Andrew Allan, Alfred Brown, George A. Drummond, and G. W. Simpson. Mr. James Elliot was elected auditor.

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