

country of origin. But, in many cases, such a distinction cannot be made, so that in using the statistics it should be remembered that a certain amount of the trade of Canada with this country, especially in winter, is unavoidably included under the heading 'United States.'

An assignment has been made by A. R. Burrows, late carpet manufacturer at New Hamburg. A month or two ago his assets were taken over by a party who held a mortgage on his stock.

SINCE writing about the lumbermen's association, a deputation from New Westminster, Rat Portage and Port Arthur, representing western lumbermen, has interviewed the Ottawa Government, and asked to have an import duty placed on American lumber.

STRAIGHT & McDONALD were succeeded by McDonald & Johnson, as dry goods dealers, Windsor, in the spring of 1894. A year ago this firm dissolved partnership and the style was changed to McDonald & Co. At the time of the dissolution Johnson took \$3,000 out of the business. Since then it has been a struggle for existence with McDonald, and now he is offering creditors 75 per cent. of their claims.

TROTTER BROS., general storekeepers, Fossberry, in the Dauphin district of Manitoba, have assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand. They have been about eighteen months in business. Last month they endeavored to obtain an extension from creditors. Failing to do this, the result is as above stated.—J. W. Basset, freight carrier, Penticton, B.C., has been sold out by the sheriff, poor man.

H. G. SMITH, butcher, Fort Erie, and John Tyson, in the same line of trade in Berlin, are in trouble, and both have assigned.—The name Klondyke has been apparently an unfortunate one for Samuel Briggs' grocery store in London. Although Samuel is reputed to be a good man, neither that nor the charm of the name could keep the bailiff out of his store. He has only been four months in this line of business.

SINCE the first of the year the weekly number of failures in Canada seems to have steadily decreased. This week's failures were over 50 per cent. fewer than those of the same week a year ago. This is very satisfactory. The volume of business doing is greater than this time last year, as the bank clearings, the telegraph and postal traffic and other indices show. The share of the Klondyke boom in this increase is very likely exaggerated, but it is undeniable that Klondyke trade is benefiting both manufacturers and merchants in many provinces.

IN March, 1895, Beecroft & Sloan, planing mill men, at Flesherton, dissolved partnership, and David Talbot purchased the interests of the latter, investing \$1,000 cash. For a considerable time they have been losing ground, and were obliged to mortgage their assets. Now we hear of their assignment.—J. A. Levis, succeeded Adams & McLeod, as a general storekeeper, at Sturgeon's Falls, early in 1886. At that time he was said to possess \$1,000 capital. Although he has been considered a good business man, and did a fair trade, still he does not appear to have been a profitable one or he would not have been compelled to assign.

A FIRE occurred on Tuesday last in the extensive works of Rhodes, Curry Co., Limited, at Amherst, Nova Scotia. It destroyed the foundry and one of the planing mills, and slightly damaged machine shop. But other the buildings were not injured. The company

having a large amount of foundry work got out ahead will be able to continue building cars without interruption. We are told that the burned buildings will be reconstructed and in full operation about the 15th April. The fire loss is placed at \$28,000 and is covered by insurance.

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ONTARIO LUMBERMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday last the Ontario Lumbermen's Association held a special meeting in the Board of Trade rooms, Toronto. Mr. A. H. Campbell, the president, presided, and among those present were: John Waldie, Victoria Harbour Lumber Company; W. A. Charlton, M.P.P.; Charles Beck, Penetanguishene; Thomas Conlin, Thorold; ex-Ald. James Scott, A. H. Campbell, jr., J. B. Miller, secretary-treasurer; C. H. Warren, Warren Lumber Company; R. Laidlaw, Longford Mills; R. Cook, South River; John Bertram, Toronto; Allan McPherson, Langford Mills; S. Lougheed, and W. C. Laidlaw. There are some forty members. The body has not met for a number of years, and this may be termed a re-organization meeting. A committee was appointed to re-draft the constitution. Mr. Bertram reported what had been done by the deputation of lumbermen who recently waited on the Government. They had asked that a duty of \$2 per 1,000 feet be placed on lumber coming into Canada, so as to counteract the duty the Americans place on Canadian lumber. This was asked in the hope that the United States would see fit to remove its duty and give Canada free trade in lumber. The object was not protection, but increase of international trade. The Premier had said he would consider the question. The C.P.R. managers at Montreal had been approached by Mr. Waldie with a view to a reduction in freight rates, so as to allow the shipment to Manitoba from Georgian Bay districts of inferior kinds of lumber, so as to cut into the trade of the Dakotas. The meeting adjourned until 7th April, when the committee on rules will report.

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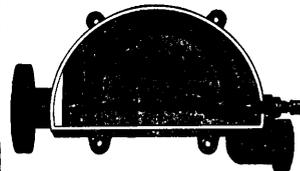
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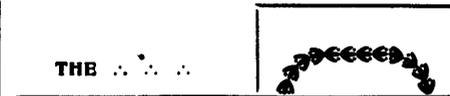
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