

A RECENT letter from Barrie says: "The demand for men to work in the lumber woods this fall is greater than for a number of years back. This will have a good effect on our business generally."

THE Bank of Hamilton, which has opened a new branch at the eastern end of the city of Hamilton, has tastefully fitted up offices on the corner of Wellington and another street. Mr. T. H. Brown is the manager.

THERE has been an advance in Armour's corn beef, and prices are higher by 20 to 35 cents per dozen on tins, 1's and 2's; \$1.50 per dozen on 6's, and \$2.50 per dozen on 14's. This is the result of large contracts received from one of the belligerents in the far East.

THE Royal Distillery, in Hamilton, has changed its name. It is now the Hamilton distillery. The proprietors have been making large additions to the premises lately. These include a two-story building on Jarvis street, which is fitted up into a board room and other offices.

TWENTY thousand dollars was paid out by the city treasurer of London, Ont., on Wednesday last, to retire a number of debentures issued in 1872. This issue bore 7 per cent. interest, while the city now borrows money readily at four and a quarter per cent.

THE Canadian Relief Society, which became insolvent some time ago, had liabilities amounting to \$25,000. To meet this, the Master-in-Ordinary has issued instructions for action to be brought against some 1,000 members who were in arrears of assessment at the time the society wound up its business.—*Toronto Empire*.

FAILING to arrange with creditors, A. C. Fraser, of Galt, will find his hardware stock sold on Thursday next, and the boot and shoe stock of F. Chalmers at Woodstock will be sold to-day.—The hair goods stock of the Dorenwend estate will be sold by auction here on Monday next, unless it is otherwise previously disposed of.

AN offer of 20 per cent. is made to the creditors of the Vise Pants Co., which is a partnership composed of J. Vise and G. H. Sackman, of this city. The partners write that they have lost money since they started a year ago, and that their assets are insufficient to pay the above, but that they can raise the amount necessary.—Next week the boot and shoe stock of Peter Habel, at Wiarton, will be sold by auction.

M. BOSSIE & Co., of Napanee, have bought the stock of boots and shoes of Hamilton Bros. of Woodstock, and will take possession of the premises and stock in a few days.

THE sale of about \$70,000 city of Winnipeg bonds has just been completed by Mr. George A. Stimson, of Toronto. We understand that they were purchased to yield in the neighborhood of 4½ per cent. interest. The same purchaser has just secured \$14,000 city of St. Thomas local improvement debentures, for which we are told a good premium was paid.

ABOUT fourteen years ago John Ogden removed from Palmerston to this city, started a drug store, and practised medicine. This season he became interested in pleasure steamers, and dropped some money. Now he assigns, with liabilities of \$3,000.—J. Sinclair, tailor in Toronto, has been in business here about ten years, and not many months ago claimed to have a surplus of \$6,000. He has assigned, however, to John McClung.

ABOUT ten years ago W. W. Matthews opened a jewellery shop in Winnipeg, and a short time ago got into difficulty, and his stock was sold to his wife. She has since continued under the style of Matthews & Co. Now we hear that the sheriff has taken possession of the premises.—J. B. Abraham & Son, who kept a general store at Veleau, Man., and assigned last month, have arranged an extension of time with creditors, and will continue the business.

WE have some additions to Quebec city failures. Beland & Martineau, a lumber concern of some importance, have decided to consult their creditors. It is understood they claim a surplus of somewhere about \$40,000.—Daly & Co., pork and provision dealers, have been asked to assign. The concern is of comparatively recent formation. One of the partners has been credited with more or less connection with smuggling operations in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

By the death of John Rochester, of Ottawa, the Dominion Methodist Church is relieved of \$3,000 of debt upon the building. Some years ago when the church trustees required a loan for building purposes, they borrowed from the Star Life Assurance Company of England, and as additional security gave policies upon the lives of Messrs. Thomas Hunton and John Rochester. Mr. Hunton died in 1875, and the premiums, no inconsiderable sum, have been since paid by the church upon Mr. Rochester's policy.

LAST week we noted the assignment of Shaw & Turner, clothiers at Guelph, who at a meeting on Tuesday last offered their creditors 40 per cent., which was refused. Next week the stock will be sold. They owe about \$12,000.—After making wagons for nearly 30 years at New Dundee, J. M. Webber has at length found it needful to assign.—At Petrolia, Robert Houston, oil dealer and farmer, also assigns.—P. Chenette, general storekeeper at Cache Bay, has been in business two years, and fails with small liabilities.—The dry goods stock of Salter & Co. at Niagara Falls has been mortgaged, and now it is advertised for sale.—Mrs. M. F. Allan, general storekeeper at Muirkirk, was burnt out a week ago, and now assigns her insurance to creditors.

Two small assignments have taken place in Guelph; A. A. Cutting, grocer, and Alexander McMillan, dyer, are the parties.—About five years ago Peter Habel opened a small shoe store in Wiarton, but never made material progress. We now hear that he has assigned.—Tod & Co., dry goods dealers, at Bowmanville, after an effort, have failed to induce their creditors to accept 40 per cent., consequently they assign to Henry Barber.—An assignment is made by M. Cochrane, dealer in implements at Durham.—Another by John Marshall, of Forest, who at one time was an extensive dealer in cattle and has made heavy losses by shipping them abroad.—A second failure is made by Donald Angus, formerly of the firm of Boyes & Angus, confectioners, at Chatham. Last March his creditors were kind to him by writing off 75 per cent. on liabilities of \$2,800. He again assigns.

THE *Montreal Gazette* remarks editorially upon the number of conventions of various bodies held in that city this year: "The meeting of the Society of Civil Engineers will probably end the conventions in Montreal for this year. The record of the season has been a somewhat remarkable one. Beginning in June, the convention of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers was followed by that of the American Flint Glass Workers, by the General Baggage Agents' Association, the International Association of Fire Engineers, the Canadian Electrical Association, and the American Public Health Association. Besides these conventions, the Railway Ticket Agents' Association paid a visit to the city, and the Michigan Press Association held a session here." Not only will these various gatherings be a good

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