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WE TAKE this method of replying to various applications for situations on the staff of this journal, that there are no vacancies at present, and there have been none for more than six months past.

L. MAYBEE, a stove dealer of Woodville, Ont., is officially reported to have gone to a climate where there is still less demand in his line, forgetting, however, to settle some little outstanding accounts. Maybee must learn to conduct himself better among the "greasers" of New Mexico if he would avoid being stove in to more effect than in Woodville.

WHAT the weight is of an average dozen of eggs, is the mingled mathematical and economic problem which now exercises the minds of the Maine legislators. The hens in that region of country lay eggs of such a diversity of size that the old method of selling by count has become a delusion and a snare.

A PROMINENT dry goods firm in Belleville writes: "Enclosed please find \$4.00 for '80 and '81 subscription to JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. We are pleased to see the JOURNAL progressing with the times; it ranks now one of the first of its kind. We have been steady readers of it for the last four years, and could not very well now do without it, as many of the articles written materially help us in many ways in connection with our business. Wishing you every success and encouragement."

A LAWYER named O'Brien, an emigrant of recent arrival, was appointed about a year ago manager of the branch law-office at Portage la Prairie of Messrs. Bain, Blanchard & McColl, a leading firm in Winnipeg. O'Brien is an off-hand genial character, and, with his charming young wife, soon became popular at the Portage in social circles, but a

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letter received lately by the Chief of Police at Winnipeg from his first wife, with a family of seven children left in Ireland, and enclosing O'Brien's photograph, seems to have decided him upon a change of air, and in the midst of a promising (?) career he fled—to the States, it is supposed. The Winnipeg firm are the chief mourners, their loss being about \$3,000.

Among recent business changes are the following:—J. C. McKinstry, general store keeper, at North Gower, Ont., has left town. Renaud & Gaboury, paint dealers, Montreal, have dissolved partnership. Mr. Ives, of Ives & Thompson, paint dealers, this city, has left Montreal. The dry goods and grocery store of C. H. Urquhart, Ottawa, has been closed. The stock of stationery, etc., of Wm. Ireland, Parry Sound, is advertised for sale. Peter Smith, general store, St. Armand Station, has sold out to Fortin & Cartier. Banfel & Vilas, foundry machine shops, East Farnham, have dissolved. Baker & Co., general store, Winnipeg, have dissolved; Wm. L. Baker continues.

A BILL is now before the Legislature of New Brunswick to incorporate "The Saint John Bridge and Railway Extension Company." They propose to erect a Railway Bridge across the St. John River, near the City of St. John, by means of which, with the construction of a mile or less of Railway, a connection can be made between the Intercolonial Railway and the St. John & Maine Railway. It is doubted, however, whether the Legislature have power to grant such a Charter over a Navigable River.—A bill has also been introduced to incorporate a Cotton Manufacturing Company at St. George, N.B.

JOHN COLLINS, merchant tailor, Fredericton, N.B., who has been in business for about two years, offers to assign to trustees for benefit of

his creditors or to pay 10 cents on the dollar. He states his debts to be \$2,000, and his assets as follows:

Book debts (no allowance for contra accounts).....	\$ 1600
Book Debts and Furniture.....	450
	\$2,050

He has given his son Charles, who has been in his employ as a presser all along, a confession of judgment, upon which execution has been issued for \$644. The son, however, offers to waive any priority, in case either of the father's propositions be accepted.

BUILDING operations in Montreal have experienced quite a falling off of late years. This, however, was to be expected. During the five years anterior to the beginning of the late depression the yearly average of buildings erected was 819; in 1877 the number fell to 360; in 1878 to 242; in 1879 to 240; and in 1880 to 210. An estimate of value however, it is supposed, would show little decrease, owing to the number of factories and elegant and costly residences erected. The residence of Mr. Andrew F. Gault on Sherbrooke street, recently finished, although the subject of much criticism during its erection, is, we imagine, one of the most elegant in a city that may boast of having the finest private residences of any city on the continent.

THE QUESTION of suitable and increased accommodation for cattle arriving in Montreal was discussed at a meeting in this city last week, as the present arrangements involved considerable loss to dealers. No definite action is to be taken, pending the completion of the yards at the St. Henri suburbs.

THE MOLSONS' BANK has declared a semi-annual dividend at the rate of six per cent. per annum payable on and after the 1st April next.