

business improving steadily since the recent passage of the Scott Act for that county. Sobriety prevails, and the Act is said to be a success thus far.

MR. GEORGE S. MILLER, a young man who commenced a grocery business in Fredericton, N.B., about 18 months ago, is in difficulty; his mother has closed him up, and seized every thing under a Bill of Sale for \$900, the amount said to have been advanced him when he com. menced business, from whence the Bill of Sale bears date. It seems never to have been recorded, however, and his other creditors were unaware of its existence; his liabilities are stated to be about \$1,500, including the \$900 to his mother. It is not likely there will be any surplus after paying the Bill of Sale. Want of capital and excessive competition are stated to be the causes of his failure.

E. S. PAQUETTE, late cashier of the Banoue d' Hochelaga, this city, who was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary for embezzlement from the Bank, received his liberty on Monday last, his sentence having been commuted to three years. It appears that he intends to commence business here, and has intimated his intention to sue the bank for \$25,000, alleged to be due him from the profits of the Goldring mines, in which the bank held an interest.

BUSINESS in Fredericton, N.B., is fairly good; owing to the backwardness of the season, farmers are not yet able to commence spring work, and farm produce of all kinds is scarce and very dear,-potatoes selling at \$2 and \$2.50 per barrel. The lumbermen have had a favorable winter's work, and the late spring is favorable for driving lumber to the mills and market; it is probable all will be got out safely.

MESSRS. T. & E. TAYLOR of Moncton, N.B., who erected a large addition to their store last ycar, have embarked extensively in the dry goods business. If extension of stock and premises are indications of success this firm must be successful.-J. D. Stevens & Co. is mised an early remittance in full.

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the name of a new Moncton firm lately opened out with a stock of dry goods, clothing, gents' furnishings, and hats and caps. It is not generally known who compose this firm, but it is supposed that Messrs. Cole & Duffey are considerably interested. They advertise a cash business only .- Henry G. Marr, of Moncton, has largely increased his facilities for business during the past few months, and is now said to have one of the finest and most flourishing millinery establishments in the Province.

WAREHOUSE,

WORK on the new cotton factory at Halifax was commenced on the 1st May; the site now presents a busy scene, about fifty men being employed on the foundations.

THE total amount of the customs duties collected at this port for last month was \$482,178 .-52, against \$517,054.05 for April, 1881, a decrease of \$34,875.53.

A MR. ARMANT, of Toronto, is said to be endeavoring to establish hinge and washer works in Kingston. The capital proposed is \$50,000, and the number of men to be employed fifty.

THE dry goods firm of Robert Blythe & Co., Brockville, Ont., are endeavoring to compromise with their creditors at 60c on the dollar, secured. The principal creditors are in this city, and it is quite probable that the offer will be accepted. The liabilities are not heavy.

THE estate of the late William Robertson, a Yorkville (Ont.) tailor has compromised at 25c on the dollar of liabilities of between \$5,000 and \$6,000. Mr. Robertson, who died a few weeks ago while on a visit at Silver Spring, N.Y., for the benefit of his health, has been several years in business, with a good reputation, and the offer of 25c was rather surprising to some creditors in this city when he had pro-

MONTREAL.

COUNTERFEIT ten dollar bills of the Bank Nationale have recently been detected, and it is believed that a gang of counterfeiters have been at work in Canada for many months. The Ottawa Free Press says the matter was referred to the Dominion police authorities over five months ago, with certain evidence and information to form a good clue to the culprits.

MR. OMER ALLAIN, retail boot and shoe dealer in a small way on St. Lawrence Main st., this city, is again missing, and the estate placed in charge of an assignce for the benefit of the creditors. It will be remembered that Allain ran away in a similar manner last June, and after his business had been wound up by the creditors returned from New York, and resumed business about the 1st March last. Four seizures before judgment were issued by creditors, but through the exertions of Mr. J. M. M. Duff, the assignee, the assets, amounting to some \$2,000, are to be divided pro rata. Allain's liabilities are estimated at about \$3,000. The chief and only cause assigned for his trouble is his excessive thirst for corn-juice.

The farmers in many sections are still complaining of the backwardness of Spring. In the C.ttawa Valley district especially it is stated that the Spring is unusually backward, vegetation being retarded by the cold, frosty winds, and cattle are likely to suffer for feed, as the much sought for grass has not started to grow yet. Fruit and forest trees are also in a backward state. This is a general complaint all over the country, but if not retarded by late frosts after vegetation, everything may grow to perfection yet. The signs of an abundant harvest were not so numerous at the like date last year as at present.