SUGARS are easier in Ontario markets.

Young Hyson teas show continued strength, and Japans are decidedly firm in both New York and Montreal.

THE Scott Mining Co., capital \$100,000, and the Columbia Mining Company, capital \$1,000,-000, both of Seattle, have been registered in British Columbia.

It is understood that John McDougald, M.P., has sold his gold mine at Fifteen Mile Stream to J. D. McGregor, of New Glasgow, for \$10,000. -Halifax Chronicle.

THE Canadian Packers' Association met this week for the purpose of discussing prices. After October 1st corn and tomatoes, in consequence, will be advanced $2\frac{1}{2}c$. per doz.

SHIPMENTS of new Filiatras and Patras currants have been received by Toronto houses this week, while second shipments of new Valencia raisins are arriving.

WE have to chronicle, with sincere regret, the death of Mr. David Goldie, the well-known miller of Ayr, Ont. The circular announcing his demise states simply that it took place in Ayr on Monday last, 24th inst., in his sixtyfourth year, and that the funeral would take place on Wednesday, 26th.

LETTERS patent incorporate the Melbourne Steamship Company, for a line of vessels between Montreal and Duluth. Capital \$45,000. Charter members: C. A. Cantin, James B. Cantin, shipbuilders; George E. Jaques and Chas. Arthur Jaques, forwarders, all of Montreal; Frederick Elliott, Denver, Colorado, master mariner.

APPLICATION is made for letters patent to incorporate the Phœnix Printing Ink Company, Montreal; capital, \$20,000. Applicants: J. D. Rolland, manufacturer; Louis de Poliniere; Maurice O'Diette; Romeo Prevost, gentleman; and Francois Joseph Bisaillon, advocate, all of Montreal, who are to be provisional directors.

As long ago as 1852 Stewart & Thompson started a clothing store in Guelph. Fifteen years afterward they were succeeded by Thompson & Co. In 1869 Shaw & Murton occupied the premises. They were succeeded by Shaw & Grundy in 1882. Ten years later Grundy retired and one Turner took his place, when the style was changed to Shaw & Turner, quite a number of metamorphoses in forty years. Since 1892 the latest proprietors have found it difficult to meet their payments and were gradually going behind. Now they have assigned to E. R. C. Clarkson, with \$10,000 liabilities.

Smith's Falls, Ont., supposed to be a very well-to-do farmer, who assumed the book and stationery business of his son-in-law a year ago, under a chattel mortgage he held, surprised his friends by making an assignment.

A MONTREAL manufacturer of card clothing and general dealer in mill supplies, James Leslie, who has evidently been in much straitened circumstances for some time back, judging from the number of suits entered against him, has been forced to assign. His liabilities foot up to some \$25,900, a considerable proportion being due in England.

An old and esteemed English citizen of Quebec, Mr. W. G. Wurtele, died last week. Deceased was for many years engaged in the wholesale hardware business on Peter street, retiring but a few years ago .---- Mr. Antoine Dassylva, a well known merchant and shoe manufacturer of St. Roch, died suddenly last week.

THESE are the days of big projects. A despatch, dated 24th instant, from Pittsburg, says that the first real move in the project which it is hoped will result in the connection of Pittsburg and Lake Erie by water, is now being made by the engineering committee of the Chamber of Commerce. "The committee in charge of the inspection of the various routes for the proposed ship canal left Pittsburg today. The work of inspection will not be completed before the last of this week."

THE announcement that A. Sweet & Co., general merchants of Winchester, Ont., were preparing a statement of their affairs to submit to creditors, has created much surprise in Montreal and Toronto wholesale circles. The firm in question are the leading traders in their section, and have always been regarded as a first-class mark. It is understood that some complications have arisen with the heirs of the late Wm. Broder, Mr. Sweet's old partner, and that this is the main cause of the present trouble.

THE country failure list for the Province of Quebec includes the following cases :--- A tanner at Joliette named A. Bock is reported an absentee. He realized all he could on his assets, selling in some cases the same article twice over and is supposed to have some \$1,500 away with -L. N. Castonguay, of Montebello, is him.-now offering 40 cents, secured. He owes -Achille Genest, general merchant of \$4,300.-Gentilly, has arranged liabilities of \$4,700 at 25 -Napoleon Cote, general store, St. cents.-----

In is only a few days since J. Hutton, of Fabien, whose business record is not altogether favorable, is reported to be compromising at 25 cents. It is just about two years ago since. he made a similar arrangement, and in the interim he has been fined several times for selling liquor irregularly ----- F. Urquhart, an Englishman, who has done a tailoring business at Cookshire for several years, has gone into bankruptcy, and is said to owe some \$3,000.

WE note below a few failures in Ottawa. J. Litle, a retail and jobbing grocer, has assigned, having repeatedly been sued, and being under seizure by landlord. He is said to have allowed a love for sport to involve him in considerable loss.----Wm. Stanford, who succeeded in 1893 to the old established dry goods business of Elliott & Hamilton, has already assigned, with liabilities put at \$26,000. --- Russell, Gardner & Russell, the dry goods jobbers, whose failure we have noted, are now offering 60 cents in the dollar

THE firm of Gilman & Bryan, who do a small printing business in this city, are somewhat involved. Mr. Gilman died a few weeks ago, and now the bailiff has taken possession of the premises under the power of a chattel mortgage. It is said that the matter will be arranged satisfactorily in a few days ----- Alfred Harris, a real estate dealer, is said to have been left with \$30,000 or \$40,000 a few years ago, but evidently the money has almost taken wings. A number of writs have been issued against him, one of which was for \$9,000, and now he assigns to W. A. Campbell.

Among the Montreal failures for the week is a group of small grocers, who have all assigned on demand. Their names are J. Lafontaine who owes \$2,770; Napoleon Galarneau, \$1,114; and F. J. Durkee, \$1,550. In the same city we also note the following business troubles; C. Robert, hats and furs, has been put into insolvency. His liabilities this time are \$7,900. Edmond Roy, plumber, has been requested to turn his estate over to the assignee, and owes the very respectable figures of \$8,145.-Adam & Son, a firm which only recently began a small shoe manufacturing business, have been put into insolvency, and the partners are reported away. They owe about \$1,500 .-Majorique Marchand, a young dry goods merchant, supposed to be doing pretty well, has been canvassing his creditors with the view of getting a settlement at 70 cents on the dollar, payable in monthly instalments. He owe some \$19,000 and shows an apparent surplus of \$3,500.---J. T. Bolt, a manufacturing jeweller,

