

No less than thirty-five thousand lambs have been taken across the St. Lawrence from Prescott to Ogdensburg since October.

A FIRM of London, Eng., brokers has purchased \$300,000 worth of Victoria, B.C., bonds. They bear 4 per cent. interest, and were listed at 91½.

THE Bank of British Columbia has decided to open a branch in the new and much spoken of mining district at Nelson (Kootenay Lake), as soon as the spring of 1892 arrives.

A VERY worthy firm of Montreal foundry men, Messrs. Day & Deblois, are asking an extension spread over eighteen months' time. They show a surplus of some \$30,000 apparent.

MCLACHLIN'S saw-mills at Arnprior have been closed down for the winter, after cutting upwards of 81,000,000 feet of lumber. The Ottawa Journal believes that this is the largest cut made by any one firm on the continent.

BRAZEAU & LEDUC, wholesale and retail tobaccoists, Montreal, register a dissolution; Mr. M. Brazeau continues alone.—The Keegan-Milne Co., dealers in electrical supplies at Montreal, also dissolved on the 5th instant.

CHAS. LAFLEUR, a small store and tavern-keeper at Deux Rivières, on the Upper Ottawa, has assigned. He compromised, five or six years ago, at 50c.—John A. Grant, a hotel-keeper at Vankleek Hill, has assigned to the sheriff.

J. L. VINEBERG, a clothing man, at Sherbrooke, has assigned on demand of Messrs. Gault Bros. His liabilities are stated at \$15,976. Mr. V. is the father of H. Vineberg, wholesale clothier, Montreal, elsewhere reported as suspended.

At an art loan exhibition in New Westminster, B.C., a large piece of silk is stretched across the top of the stage, and on it emblazoned in Chinese the emblematic life of a good man, with the Chinese proverb: "May your business be as good as his."

H. VINEBERG, wholesale clothier, at Montreal, has suspended payment, with direct liabilities of about \$20,000, indirect \$11,000. Mr. Vineberg was formerly of the firm of G. F. Burnett & Co., who failed last July, when he bought in the estate at 40 cents cash.

CREDITORS have decided to wind up the jewellery businesses in this city of T. J. Jorgenson and Wm. Ashall.—On Wednesday the balance of the fur and hat stock of Grant & Co., who assigned here some weeks ago, was sold by auction.—The flour and provision

stock of J. P. Bostwick, at Pembroke, has been sold to R. W. Gordon.

**MONEY IN COPPER.**—The statement is frequently repeated to influence the market that the ruling prices for copper are unprofitable to producers. The Calumet & Hecla copper mine of Michigan will pay a dividend of \$500,000 on the 15th, making \$2,000,000 this year. Is that an indication that copper mining is unprofitable at present values?

AFTER a service exceeding ten years, Mr. Frederic Roper has resigned his position as secretary and auditor of the Great North-western Telegraph Company of Canada, and is succeeded therein by Mr. George D. Perry. Mr. Roper intends to give his attention to accountancy and the investigation of estates, for which his experience has qualified him.

ON Monday last was buried one of the oldest Canadian merchants, Mr. Alexander Workman, of Ottawa, who had reached the great age of eighty-nine years. He was one of a noteworthy group of brothers, long-known in commercial and scientific circles in Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa, the only one of whom surviving is, we believe, the distinguished, venerable and delightful Dr. Joseph Workman, of this city.

WE lately noted the failure of P. McMahon, general dealer of Chichesters, Que. He is now offering 40 cents on the dollar at four, eight, and twelve months, liabilities being \$3,105.—Mrs. J. B. Beaudoin, whose troubles we noticed last week, has made a settlement at the rate of 50 cents in the dollar on liabilities of \$4,048. A claim of \$2,300, put in by her son, for thirteen years' salary, was not entertained by creditors.

THIS week Peter Kennedy, another speculative builder in Toronto, has got into trouble and has assigned.—The tinware stock of T. J. Spink in this city has been sold by the bailiff; it appears to have been purchased by a friend, so that Mr. S. will resume business. In 1886 he failed and compromised at 25 per cent. The present state of affairs appears to have been brought about by his betting upon the mayoralty election. Electors, take warning and don't bet.

THE Merchants Bank of Halifax have opened up a branch in the west end of Montreal in addition to their down town branch in that city. They occupy temporary offices on Notre Dame street; the new offices will be taken possession of by the 1st of January next. These are on the corner of Seigneur street and Notre Dame. The offices are being fitted up with

marble floor, new vault and safe, and other modern fixings, and to be lighted by electricity. Mr. E. A. McCurdy is the manager.

SOME handsome new business blocks have lately been erected on Sparks, Wellington, and Elgin streets, in the city of Ottawa. Along with these may be mentioned one lately erected by Mr. George Matthews, pork packer, Peterboro. It is a stone building with three floors and basement, situated on York street, and is really an ornament to that part of Ottawa. We are told that besides his establishments in Ottawa, Peterboro, and Lindsay, Mr. Matthews contemplates erecting one in Vancouver, B.C., at an early date.

THE creditors of J. E. Gelinas, a general dealer at St. Clothilde, Que., learn that he has gone away, and A. Quesnel, of Arthabaskaville, has been appointed provisional guardian to his estate.—Letourneau & Co., the co-operative concern at La Presentation, recently reported as in difficulties, have assigned to M. E. Bernier, St. Hyacinthe.—Dubuc & Co., a general store concern at Drummondville, Que., are reported in difficulty, and, at the request of creditors, a firm of Montreal accountants is making an investigation into their affairs.

G. S. TICKELL & SONS, the Belleville furniture people, who assigned several weeks ago, have at last arranged a compromise at 70 per cent.—An offer of compromise is made by G. J. Carter, shoe dealer at Deseronto, who removed about a year ago from Trenton, where he had made a failure in 1887, compromising at 50 per cent. In March last he claimed a surplus of \$2,000. Now he has again assigned. Is it not time that his business was wound up?—Dahm Bros. have purchased the grocery stock belonging to the estate of P. W. Barbeau at Rat Portage.

AN assignment has been made by J. H. Raymond, who is a shoe dealer at Alvington. His trouble comes upon him after being about fifteen years in business.—Another small failure is that of O. F. Faulkner, confectioner, Berlin.—It is only two years since W. Y. Montgomery, a practical tailor, began business in Port Arthur. He now makes an assignment, we cannot tell why.—C. L. Pare, a small manufacturer at Sandwich, has come to grief.—After making many changes, being several times in partnership, C. J. Bowlby, dealer in dry goods at Sault Ste. Marie, has failed and assigned. He is said to own considerable property, but it is mostly encumbered, and real estate is a commodity hard to sell in that town just now.

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