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A REPORT in circulation for some time that the Messrs. Allan, of Montreal, had sold their steamers to the projected opposition Ocean Steamship Company, is authoritatively denied. The report is now, that something in the shape of an amalgamation of the two interests is likely to be consummated if not effected already.

THE firm of Ferguson & Co., pork-packers, &c., London, has been dissolved, and this establishment will be out of the market as a buyer this season, the business being discontinued. The unprofitable nature of the business for the last two seasons has been discouraging, and we have heard of other small operators in this line whose packing-houses are likely to be kept closed this season.

A MR. JOHN MCGREGOR, of Ancaster, was fined the other day, at Hamilton, for using false weights—or rather a false and a true set. These were used interchangeably, according to the side of the transaction Mr. McG. happened to be on. This man was a farmer, so that farmers are not all honest. It would be an interesting enquiry for a statistician to ascertain what particular calling produced the greatest proportion of rogues. Before us is a curious official report for the borough of Sheffield, Eng., by the inspector of weights and measures. There were 176 persons convicted of using incorrect weights and measures, in the year ending August last. Out of that number 17 were grocers, 3 bakers, 31 beersellers, 18 butchers, 1 brassfounder, 10 coal dealers, 2 chemists and druggists, 4 confectioners, 7 fishmongers, 31 greengrocers and

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fruiterers, 13 licensed victuallers, 2 milk sellers, 6 oil and color dealers, 2 pork butchers, 20 provision dealers, 1 rag and bone dealer, 4 tobacconists, and 4 tripe and sausage dealers. It ought to be added that 84 per cent. of the weights, 95½ per cent. of the scales, and 98½ per cent. of the measures were found correct.

IMPORTANCE OF CHARACTER IN BUSINESS.

The importance of character in the numerous relations of life can scarcely be over estimated. It is especially important in a business point of view. It remedies the inequalities of fortune, and is the grand touchstone or measure of success. Character or reputation, although they are not properly convertible terms, are rightly regarded as a portion, and perhaps the best portion of a man's stock in trade; and any wanton or unprovoked injury to either is punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both.

Character is a higher and nobler quality than mere reputation. It is more of personality. Character may be defined to be that impression of a man's inner or true nature which he produces upon other persons. Of course, there is always a liability to error. Some men may deceive others by assumptions of good qualities which they do not possess. Again, it is impossible for a mean, ignorant community to appreciate a man of lofty principles and high attainments. But the great soul of the world is just. Nearly always the blinds are removed that wrap up a man from his fellows. Sooner or later the hypocrite drops the mask, or it is torn from him, and eventually a good, true man rises into honor and esteem from the prejudices that may have surrounded him. A good address and plausible manners may cover many moral and mental deficiencies, just the same as

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sterling merit may often be concealed by an excess of modesty.

But sooner or later the discovery is made, and the man stands before his neighbours and the world stripped of all disguises, for what he is really worth. The modes of these revelations are often as surprising as they are varied. Sometimes the dishonest, knavish politician struts through his hour of pride and power, and is at last dashed down by meaner or more corrupt men than himself. Or a merchant in a distant town may maintain an excellent, local reputation for piety and integrity, but he may be rated on the mercantile agencies as a man who keeps his private demijohn and frequents disreputable houses in his too frequent visits to cities to buy stock. Then he is surprised by a stoppage of credit at the very time he needs it most, and is swept down among the moral scum, where he remains ever-more. In some cases, the banker or merchant yields to a long restrained moral twist in his nature that jerks him from the path of rectitude. These men are properly objects of pity, nevertheless society is exonerated. It must protect itself by expelling them beyond its pale.

Character is inherent. It cannot be put on and off like a garment. If it were, all men would clothe themselves in the golden livery of heaven. The ten thousand eyes of society are in league with the eternal laws of God, to watch men in all their steps and ways, and show them to each other even in this world as they are. The astounding defalcations, the bank forgeries, the breaches of trust, which are so numerous that they seem subversive of all confidence between men, may all be regarded as so many evidences of a diseased moral condition.

Society depends for its preservation on the careful sifting of men. It is just as necessary to discover and push forward a good man, as it is to expose and brand a bad one. Merchants want faithful clerks; bank presidents require