

GILLIES, SON & Co., of Carleton Place, received the other day six cars-loads of Cape (South Africa) wool, the consignment costing \$16,000.

THE Cowansville woollen mills have been reopened, it appears, by Mr. Prevost, of Montreal, who intends to turn part of his manufactured cloth into ready made clothing on the premises.

THE assessment of London, Ont., has just been completed. The total assessment for this year is \$11,341,970, as compared with \$11,314,666 last year. The population is to-day 20,970 as compared with 18,113 last year.

THE Bell Telephone Co., has, according to the *Sherbrooke Gazette*, decided to extend its facilities to Capelton, Waterville, Compton, Richby, and Coaticook, which will soon be placed in direct communication with Sherbrooke.

THE mammoth new Grand Trunk ferry boat "Lansdowne," was launched at Wyandotte, Mich. last Saturday. It is 316 feet in length and 75 feet beam on deck. She cost \$275,000. Her hull is entirely of iron, shallow and double spoon shape, to break through the ice on the Detroit river, where she is to carry cars.

WE observe that the Toronto agency of the Citizens Insurance Company, formerly held by Messrs. Boustead & Gibbs, is now in the hands of Mr. Malcolm Gibbs. The Citizens is now in its twentieth year, and in addition to its large fire business takes risks in life and accident underwriting.

THE Lake of the Woods Milling and Mining Company seeks incorporation. Its operations are to be carried on in Varennes, and Winnipeg is to be the chief place of business. The applicants are Col. W. N. Kennedy, G. F. Carruthers, D. H. McMillan, C. O. Wickenden, J. W. Harris, H. S. Crotty and L. McMeans.

IN a biography of the engineer, James Campbell, whose death was recently announced in England, the whole history of steam locomotion might well be summed up. He was one of George Stephenson's principal assistants, and he superintended the first experimental trip of a vessel laden with frozen meat from Australia to England.

THE retail boot & shoe firm of John Damer & Co. in this city, is again in trouble, John Damer being the sole partner. About a year ago his creditors were good enough to accept, in full payment of his liabilities of \$11,000, fifty per cent in cash. It is feared that he has not abandoned his old habit and in view of this he could not be expected to succeed.

ADVICES received from Newfoundland state that the catch of seals by steamers was about 150,000, by northern sailing vessels 20,000, and by shoremen about 15,000 to 20,000, making a total of 185,000 to 190,000 seals, against 350,000 which had been taken at this time last year, showing a decrease of 160,000.

ADVICES from Southern Manitoba say seeding is about finished, says the *Winnipeg Free Press*, of the 10th. No more rain is wanted. Westward along the Canadian Pacific seeding is completed and the prospects are good. Seed wheat has ruled high. Ten acres of fall wheat sown by the way of experiment in the Oak Lake district look well. The land was "mulched," the straw protecting the seed and plant.

THE dissolution which took place on the 5th of March, in the firm of McLaughlin & Moore of this city, consisted only of the retirement of the junior member, Mr. J. F. McLaughlin, who had been a partner for two and a half years. The firm of McLaughlin & Moore, which owns and operates the Royal Dominion Mills in Toronto, is composed of the original members of the firm, Mr. M. McLaughlin and Mr. A. Moore.

"ALL in a concatenation accordingly," as a Prince Edward Island man is described as "starting an egg business and blueberry canning establishment" at DeBlois Station and for that purpose is having a large building prepared, so says the *Examiner* of Charlottetown. The *Summerside Journal* undertakes to predict success for a shoe factory for which a movement is being put on foot in that place.

WE have heard the statement made that the patents, held by the Starr Manufacturing Company, of the celebrated 'Aome' skates, have expired. Upon enquiry we learn that this is not the case. The patents of the Starr Co., we are informed, are in full force and do not expire for several years. It is well for our wholesale dealers to know this, for the German firms who are making an imitation of the 'Aome' run a decided risk of prosecution for infringement of patent.

THE first regular meeting of the Erie Iron Works Company was held at St. Thomas on the 6th instant, when Mr. Thomas Lawrence was chosen president; John H. Smale, vice-president. Directors—W. Risdon, John Risdon, J. H. Smale, J. Doyle, T. McNaughton, James A. Bell and T. Lawrence. Mr. W. Risdon, who is sec.-treas., was appointed general manager. A call of twenty per cent. on the subscribed capital of \$30,000 was made, payable on May 10th.

R. DUNN & Co, dealers in stoves, tinware, etc. in Port Hope has assigned. The principal creditor of the estate is their endorser in that town.—A general storekeeper at Dutton, W. G. Smith is reported as having left his creditors entirely in the lurch.—A shoe-maker in the same place, John Young, has gone, and those whom he owes will not fare much better.—Another reported truant is Wm. McKelvey, general storekeeper at Haliburton, who left for parts unknown about ten days ago.

FOLLOWING the assignment of the American Lumber Co., its twin brother, the British Canadian Lumber and Timber Co., has gone into liquidation after investigation made by Messrs. Smith & Carnegie, on behalf of the Scottish shareholders. The Messrs. Cook, of this city had much to do as promoters, in the formation of these companies; and the impression is that they unloaded by this process making large profits. Altogether the cost of management was such that it would have weighed down a prosperous business. The Scotch shareholders who have lost their money have got the impression that they have not been fairly dealt with.

MCCARTHY BROS., dealers in groceries at Rat Portage, have assigned, and there is no reason to expect a large dividend from their estate.—Shaw Bros., grocers at Winnipeg have suspended payment. The cause of their trouble is too many goods and too much credit. It is supposed that a compromise will be made.—The effects of J. M. Ross, a Winnipeg hotel keeper, were sold by bailiff.—Graham, Grass & Co., general storekeepers at Regina, after being in business eighteen months have assigned in trust. The senior partner was formerly in Belleville and is said to have invested \$7,000 cash in this new enterprise. At one time they did too much credit but this does not seem to be quite an adequate explanation for their present difficulties. It is feared that outside operations are the real cause.

THERE has been opened at the Crystal Palace in London, England, a "big show" known as the London International and Universal Exhibition, which is a display of manufacturing process, as well as a commercial fair. One of the attractive features was a beautiful display of linen from the manufactory of Richardson Sons & Owden, of Belfast, who are called the largest

linen manufacturers in the world, and who are represented in Canada by Mr. R. J. Wylie, of Toronto. The number and variety of the firm's patterns was nicely disclosed by a pattern-frame arrangement. Opposite them the Lancashire lasses could be seen daily at work "cutting" plush, an unusual sight. Austria has secured more space than any other country, and throws every other country into the shade, Germany, France Scandinavia, Holland and Italy, as well as America. There are some 4,000 exhibitors in all, and the whole scene is lit up by the electric light.

THE Dominion Bolt and Iron Company, whose new and extensive premises on Humber Bay west of Toronto, were so recently occupied, and so many of whose employees lost their lives by the G.W.B. collision in January last, is in financial difficulties. The failure of the Exchange Bank, at which it had large discounts, was an unfortunate thing for the company. And now the Exchange Bank liquidators have deemed it necessary to make demands which the company can not meet. It appears from a circular issued by the manager, that the causes of the Company's difficulties are to be found in the suspension named and in the fact that it had been working on too limited a basis of capital, the requisite stock for its extended operations having never been subscribed, and not in any lack of paying contracts. It is to be hoped that the affairs of so prominent an industry as this may yet be settled and the works kept going in our midst.

IN 1878, John Cozens started the coffee and spice business in London, and was supposed to have made some money. He sold out last month to J. M. Mayell & Co., and received \$3,500 cash, upon which he left the country. His attorney is now offering about 40 per cent. in settlement of his unpaid obligations.—After fifteen years in business about Niagara Falls, Mr. J. N. Burns, grocer, has assigned. At one time he was supposed to be worth some money. We have not learned the cause of his failure.—A hotel keeper in Galt, T. Hope, is reported to have gone to Chicago without leaving anything of consequence for creditors.—W. H. Mannel, a steady going tanner in Hollin has called a meeting of his creditors. Thus far he has apparently made but little progress.—W. D. Oatly, began business in groceries etc., at Hespler, about a year ago without any experience in that line and it is presumed that he has lost thereat all he saved when foreman at the cotton mill.

THE extensive Montreal firm of Cassils, Stimson & Co., leather and findings merchants, whose failure has been already noted, has not made any proposal of settlement, but has assigned to Thomas Darling. Their ordinary liabilities are \$170,000; indirect, \$124,000; sundry debts, \$13,000. Available assets about \$61,000.—Wm. Dodds, who succeeded to the established grocery business of John McDonald in Montreal several years ago, with prospect of success, has not made much of his advantages, and has assigned. He owes about \$17,000, assets show nominally to about same figure, but are largely composed of book debts, and it is expected that the estate will only pan out a moderate dividend.—Desmarceau & Co., of Montreal, a firm of jobbing grocers, who compromised in 1880 at 40 cents on the dollar, are again in trouble and have assigned to Kent & Turcotte. Liabilities indirect something over \$50,000, direct \$5,000 to \$6,000.—S. Woods & Co., of Montreal, who lately began business as manufacturers of oil cloth etc., have assigned. Liabilities about \$10,000, assets \$7,000. Mr. Woods was at one time of the well-known firm of