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MESSRS. Randall, Farr & Co., of Hespeler, have shipped fifteen cars of their machinery to Holyoke, Mass.; the remainder they wish to dispose of in this country.

ON GOOD Friday a grocer and flour dealer named Michael Morrison, failed in Kingston for \$14,000. He had been there a dozen years, was fond of boasting about the money he was worth, and bought more than one property from time to time. Now, however, his real property is found to be in his wife's name, and all he offers to creditors amounts to say \$4,000. We hear of no particular present embarrassment which made him fail. He probably thought that having done his duty by his wife in getting lands settled on her which should by right have gone to his creditors, he might as well fail now, and get absolution for his misdeeds in the shape of the usually easy-gotten discharge.

A N. Y. JOURNAL says:—"The abrogation of the Reciprocity Treaty of 1865 has entailed much more loss upon the consumers of Canadian products in the United States, than upon Canadian producers. * * * Canada will be very glad to have an improved market for the fruits of her industry, and will make all reasonable sacrifices to obtain it. But she will not recognize reciprocal trade as being a vital necessity of her welfare, and will make no sacrifices on its account, which are not clearly balanced by the advantages to be gained. The experience of the last treaty is likely to enable the Canadian negotiators to secure much better terms than before.

IN THE House of Commons Mr. Kirkpatrick called attention to a matter of importance affecting our shipping interests. Ship-brokers and chandlers have no means of collecting claims against foreign vessels for repairs done. They

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have been defrauded frequently by owners taking their property beyond the jurisdiction of the courts before the law could be set in motion, when the creditor has no remedy. What is wanted is that creditors should have a lien on the vessel itself, or they should have the power to enforce their claim in a summary manner. In this respect we would be merely assimilating our laws to those of England, France and the United States.

IN THE Dominion Senate, Mr. Kirkpatrick gave notice that he would move an address to His Excellency "That it would be desirable in the interest of this country, if the treaty existing between Great Britain and the United States for the mutual extradition of fugitive criminals could be extended to embrace fugitive debtors who have absconded from one country to the other, owing sums over and above \$2,000." We know of no reason why this change in the treaty could not be made; a similar provision was inserted in a treaty recently made between the Government of Great Britain and the King of Italy. The ease with which dishonest traders may defraud their creditors by stepping across the border into the United States and *vice versa* renders it particularly desirable that such a provision should be made part of the Extradition Treaty.

A LETTER from a retailer in Meaford, Ont., calls attention to the organization of Farmer's Granges in the county of Grey. These Granges are the work of missionaries from the United States, who preach a social reform, which proposes to dispense with retailers, and middlemen generally. It is said that whoever adopts the motto, "Every man his own lawyer," has a fool for his client. Whether the same may be said of the sentiment, "Every man his own grocer,"

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these grangers will doubtless be able to inform us, after they have given the thing a fair trial. We think they will see the matter in that light when the experience of a year or two has been gained. If the retail trade were in any sense a monopoly, this movement would be intelligible; but in these days of keen competition, goods are sold at the retail stores as cheap as any farmer's combination can supply them, and probably cheaper. A first-rate assortment of goods as to styles and prices, can now be had at any of our country villages; and this advantage the farmers must in a great measure forego, by adopting the plan of buying for themselves direct. Co-operative stores have been repeatedly tried in Canada, with the view of controlling the custom of mechanics and tradespeople generally, but everyone has ignominiously failed so far as known to us. The reasons for this are abundant, and prove conclusively that the system is not adapted to the circumstances of this country. The same will be found true of Farmer's Granges. There is this lesson for retailers in the movement: that the credit system has proved a burden grievous to be borne by the farming community, and that it must be abandoned or greatly curtailed. The increased cost of goods, which is a necessary result of it, tends more than anything else to induce farmers to seek some mode of relief, which naturally takes the form of combinations to buy in first markets for cash. The retail trade will effectually check the movement by placing their business on a strictly cash basis, and selling at the low prices which the cash system will admit of.

—The new Fire Alarm Telegraph was completed in Halifax last week by Gamewell & Co., of New York. There are thirty-five signal boxes and the signals will be struck on any of eight bells throughout the city.