

J. J. SHRAGGE, dealer in clothing, etc., Winnipeg, was burnt out, with \$2,400 insurance. He has now assigned.

By Ontario supplementary letters patent the capital stock of the Acme Silver Company of Toronto is increased from \$25,000 to \$100,000.

AUGUSTUS STRUM, of New Town, Lunenburg, N. S., has assigned to James A. McLean, of Bridgewater. —Stephen Visnot, boot and shoe maker, of Bridgewater, has assigned to Arthur Roberts of that place.

AUSTRIAN beet sugar is to be brought over in competition with the German product. The British steamship "Prydian" has sailed from Fiume for Philadelphia with 2,500 tons of this new grade of raw sugar.

THE steamer "City of Owen Sound," having been raised after being under the water for a number of years, broke her fastenings and slid back into 86 feet of water the other day. She is probably again out of the water now.

THE dry goods firm of Batchelor & Morse, of Leamington, has been dissolved. The business will be continued by E. J. Batchelor & Co. C. Pearce, of the corner store, in the same town, has sold out to Spence & Kerby, of Strathroy.

MR. H. C. FOSTER writes us from Cockburn Island that he has just completed the purchase of James Glanville's interest in the firm of Glanville Bros., general dealers at Thessalon, and that he takes possession there November 1st.

NERVOUS Guest (on ninth floor).—"Ah, porter, in case of fire is it easy for me to get out?" Porter—"Oh, yes, sir; take that flight of stairs at the end of the hall." Nervous Guest—"Where do they lead to?" Porter—"The roof, sir."—*Harper's Bazar*.

IT may be said with truth that Harrow is growing. Many new buildings are being erected. On King street west a tailor shop is going up next to Allan & Adams' store; F. White is building a shoe-shop, and Mr. Stocker is having a store prepared for a meat market.

DEMANDS of assignment have been made on the following: Marcus Cohen, merchant, Montreal; John A. Peard, plumber, same place, liabilities \$6,100; G. Chartier dit Robert, storekeeper, St. Benoit, Que., liabilities \$8,000; Hanigan & Dupont, lime makers, of St. Louis de Mile End.

A MEMORANDUM from London says that W. Y. Brunton & Son have sold the Jackson Tea Company's stock, under \$1,000, to J. W. Broderick & Co. for 53½ cents on the dollar, and the

men's furnishings stock of J. W. T. Park, amounting to \$3,022, to Caddy & Rowe, at the rate of 64c. in the dollar.

SOME three years ago the Rev. J. D. Armstrong bought for his son, G. H., the furniture business of R. Booth, Orillia, for \$3,000, paying \$2,500 cash on account. But the son, who was formerly a druggist, knew nothing about this business, and not giving it proper attention, it is not surprising that he should find an assignment necessary.

IN 1889, Thomas Cole failed at Ridgetown. Then his wife bought the fancy goods' stock, and in a year she, too, failed, owing over \$4,000. She got a settlement at 65c. in the \$, and her good father advanced the money. But her stock, amounting to \$7,900, is now advertised for sale. Mrs. Cole should retire from the field of storekeeping.

THE firm of Watson & O'Brien, doing a private banking business at West Lorne, have dissolved. Hereafter C. W. Watson will continue alone. —John G. and Arch. B. Hay retire from the Woodstock firm of James Hay & Co., furniture manufacturers. The former will begin the manufacture of furniture in Owen Sound, where they are promised a loan of \$15,000 for ten years at four per cent.

Good position is considered of great importance by the average advertiser, but, says Mr. Hallock in *Printer's Ink*, good position is certainly not more essential than good company in the columns of a newspaper. An advertisement surrounded by reputable advertisers in a comparatively obscure place is vastly preferable to one at top of column next to reading matter and in close proximity to advertisements of a disreputable character.

ASSIGNMENTS have been made by the following traders in Ontario: W. P. Pratt, harness-maker, Weston; A. Robinson, hotel-keeper, Newmans & Co., commission, and James Rogers, tailor, London. The last named compromises at 65 per cent. cash. Mrs. W. A. Freeland, grocer, Palmerston; F. H. Corbeau & Bro., furniture, Penetanguishene, who had a branch store at Sault Ste. Marie; Hay & Co., dry goods, Wallaceburg.

IT is only the other day we described the Major Bros.' trade sale in Montreal. Now we hear of that firm's suspension, after a long and honorable career as merchants in fish, oils, molasses, teas, etc. It is recently that they have gone into teas, and their bank had made them large advances on tea consignments, but they apparently had not realized well. They

are said to owe only some \$20,000 outside of their banker, part here and part in Britain.

RECENT assignments include those of Napoleon Morin, retail grocer, Montreal, who owes \$2,000; Hansen & Schwartz, ship brokers, Quebec city, with liabilities of \$16,000; Adolphe Dufresne, carriage maker, St. Dominique, Que., owing \$2,000; O. N. Morin, maker of seeders at St. Pic, Que.; F. X. St. Pierre, general dealer and baker at Lyster, Que., owing \$1,500; Wm. Potter, blacksmith, Gananoque; J. W. Anderson & Son, shingle makers and traders, Lanark Township, Ont.

ONE of our agents, who has lately been in Montreal, was struck with the attractiveness of the new building for the west end branch of the Bank of Montreal. He writes: "It is quite a handsome structure, situated on the corner of St. Catharine and Mansfield streets, not far from the English Cathedral. It is built of Nova Scotia sandstone, and the outside presents a light and pleasing appearance. The interior has a comfortable suite of offices. The branch is in charge of Mr. D. B. McPherson."

IN June last James Harris, furrier, etc., in this city, claimed to have a surplus of \$6,400 over liabilities of \$8,000, but nearly one-half of this was composed of book debts. It is quite likely that he has not been able to collect as much as he then expected, and besides, we are told he carried over a large stock of furs. It has now been necessary for him to make an assignment to S. E. Townsend. He began business in March, 1883. —F. A. Belnap, doing a small business in fruits in this city, has assigned.

THE late Wm. P. Miller, of the New York leather trade, had an inexhaustible vein of humor in him. One day a man came in to see him who appeared to know him so well that he was a little ashamed to be obliged to enquire his name. But as he couldn't for the life of him recollect who it was, he said: "Now, it's curious, well as I know you, I can't call your name; why, my memory is so uncertain that I can't tell you how often I am obliged to go out in the street and look at my sign before I can call to mind who I am."

ALTHOUGH J. E. Keeler apparently succeeded his father in the shoe trade in Mitchell about five years ago, there are still persons who think that the senior owns the business. However, of late payments from the store have become slow, and an assignment has now been made. —About a year ago the father of D. E. McDiarmid started him in the dry goods

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