

The goods and chattels of the Joseph Hall Manufacturing Company, amounting to \$32,600 were, on the 3rd March, sold to Mrs. Harriet Glen at 24½ cents on the dollar.

The exports of coal from Newcastle, New South Wales, to foreign and inter-colonial ports during 1884 were 1,547,264 tons, being an increase of 187,754 over the previous year.

The Dominion Suspender Company, of Hamilton, is building, we are told, a large factory at Niagara Falls, on the United States side, and intends removing to Niagara Falls, Canada, early in May; the company will do business in both countries.

The directors of the St. John Cotton Company, having found it impossible to raise the necessary funds for the carrying on of the concern and being unable to meet pressing liabilities, have, under orders from the Supreme Court, placed the company in liquidation. A meeting has been called for the 19th inst.

We understand that the firm of J. D. Williamson & Co., dry goods merchants, Guelph, has dissolved partnership, Messrs. Edward Radford and E. R. Bollert going out of the firm, which will be continued under the same firm name by James B. Williamson and R. S. Williamson, while Mr. E. R. Bollert has opened out a separate establishment in his own name in Guelph.

The annual report of the Toronto Globe Printing Co. presented at the recent meeting, shows a healthy condition of affairs. Within two years the present management has cleared off the company's floating indebtedness, which amounted to nearly \$60,000. The year's receipts from advertising total up close upon \$150,000, while the circulation, we are told, shows a considerable increase.

News from Little Rockies, says the *Norwester*, announce that bed-rock has been struck in the deep ground in Little Alder Gulch, with most satisfactory results. From 85 cents to \$1.50 to the pan has been secured, and the bed rock is said to be very rich in spots. The mining machinery at Clover Bar, Saskatchewan, says the same journal, has been got into position for experiment and will be started up for trial next week.

The Calgary *Nor-Wester* states that two hundred and fifty tons of bridge iron, comprising six spans, each 150 feet long, are to come up by the new route, from Spokane Falls on the N. P. to the western crossing of the Columbia, to be used for the bridge at the latter point. "Considering that the Company can now land oats from Oregon at the Crossing for thirty cents a bushel by this new road, it is no wonder that they have decided to adopt it."

Last week, the annual meeting of the Inter-colonial Coal Co. was held in Montreal, the report submitted and pronounced satisfactory. The quantity of coal marketed during 1884 was 114,882 tons. The directors of the company for the ensuing year are:—Messrs. Gilbert Scott, H. A. Budden, Robert Anderson, D. L. Macdougall, James P. Cleghorn, Peter Redpath, Alexander Gunn, Henry J. Tiffin, and Wm. M. Ramsay. Mr. Gilbert Scott, is president, and Henry A. Budden vice-president.

One day last week, a special train of 14 cars of leaf Tobacco arrived in Montreal by the Canadian Pacific railway and its connections, direct from Lancaster, Pa., without change of cars, and making the run through in five days. The shipment in question consisted of 500 cases (or about 260,000 lbs.), and was for a Montreal cigar maker, who had made arrangements with the Dominion Transport company to have it carried all at once, and the long line of sleighs and fine horses decked out with flags and ribbons, made a striking procession.

We have to note a change in the wholesale crockery house of John Watson & Co., Montreal. We believe Mr. Watson intends to devote all his attention to the wall paper business, and has disposed of the crockery business to Messrs. Boxer Bros., & Co., two of the members of which firm have long been employed in the business.

The following are the mishaps in business circles during the past week: S. Mason & Son, a Bowmanville dry goods firm are offering creditors 70 cents on the dollar. The liabilities were put down at \$17,000 and the assets nominally the same.—The trustee has sold the general stock of G. E. Williams, at Gesto.—P. Pottruff, a Hamilton fruiterer, finds the sheriff in possession of his chattels.—A shoe dealer in Lindsay, E. McTavish by name, has assigned.—A. D. Freeman, a general merchant at Listowell, has assigned.

The leading firms in the glucose business in the Eastern States have issued a circular in which it is stated that about \$10,000,000 of capital is invested in their business in the United States; it employs 4,575 workmen, who are yearly paid \$2,058,750 in wages, consumes \$13,703,000 worth of raw and manufactured material yearly, and in the same time yields product worth \$18,270,000. Each year there can be made about 610,000,000 pounds of the corn sugar, and 61,000 bushels of corn used daily, each bushel giving 32 pounds of glucose.

On Friday last, says the *Bangor Whig*, the money was paid into the court of insolvency in the matter of F. Shaw & Bros., in pursuance of the decrees of the several courts. "The remaining property in the hands of Mr. Wyman was sold by him to a syndicate for \$800,000, and this was part of the money deposited. Mr. Wyman deposited, including the proceeds of this sale, \$1,100,000, the balance being raised by other parties in the settlement. The current week nine dividends will be paid to the creditors, and this eventful and intricate case, will be consigned to history.

The annual general meeting of the Dundas Cotton Mills Co. was held in Montreal some days ago, when the report of the directors and the annual statements were adopted. The stock of goods on hand is said to be light and the prospect for the coming year on the whole encouraging. The following gentlemen were elected directors: Messrs. David Law, Alex. Murray, Hon. John Hamilton, Robt. Anderson, and Geo. H. Gillespie. A by-law was passed authorizing the issue of bonds by the company to the extent of \$125,000, out of which it is intended to redeem debentures maturing 1st June next.

From a circular just issued by Messrs. Wyld, Brock & Co., wholesale dealers in dry goods in this city, we learn that Mr. Andrew Crawford and Mr. Thomas J. Jermyn, have been admitted, as from 1st January last, to an interest in the business of this prominent firm. Both gentlemen have been for years with the house, the former as buyer in the European markets, the other as counting-house manager. It is not too much to say that they "are favorably known to the majority of those with whom the firm does business;" there are many, in even a wider circle, who will be pleased to hear of their closer association with the firm.

The annual meeting of the Cornwall Manufacturing company was held at the office of the Allan Steamship company, Common street, Montreal, on the 25th ult. There were present Messrs. Andrew Allan, president; George Stephen, vice-president; John Turnbull, managing director; W. M. Ramsay, Hon. D. McInnes, Hon. D. A. Smith and Jackson Rae. The president, occupied the chair. The annual report, which was regarded satisfactory, was read and adopted. A vote of thanks to the president and

directors was passed unanimously. The president and directors were then re-elected for the ensuing year.

Mr. LEBRU, of the Berthier sugar works, according to the *Montreal Gazette*, says that his company will not make any sugar this season, as prices are too low, but will refine West India sugar. He has just received a letter from France to the effect that 67 out of 450 sugar refineries have closed and given instructions to the planters not to raise any more beets. From 150 to 160 refineries out of 800 have shut down in Germany, and the industry, which gives employment to over 100,000 people, is almost ruined.

In addition to the list of failures in the Province of Quebec, given elsewhere, we note the following:—H. H. Cartis, drugs, Montreal, who has been behind and sued of late, has assigned to A. McKay.—J. B. Dumesnil, a general dealer at Coteau Landing, has assigned to Kent & Turcotte of Montreal. He offers 50 cents.—Merizze & Tremblay, a young firm of store-keepers at Granby, who have been doing quite an extensive business, but largely on credit, have got into trouble and have assigned; liabilities will probably amount to nearly \$10,000.—At Quebec, M. Fortin, grocer, has failed with liabilities of \$2,700, assets \$1,200.—Eugene Bernier, general store, St. Simon de Rimouski, is offering his creditors 50 cents on the dollar.—Pierre Pouliot, general store, St. Charles de Bellechasse, has assigned.—At Quebec, A. Vezina & Co., music dealers, have assigned; and B. Bolduc, jeweller, already reported failed, is offering 20 cents.

In the Province of Quebec we note the following failures:—Joseph Dion, jr., hardware dealer of St. Sauveur de Quebec, has assigned to H. A. Bedard, liabilities about \$15,000.—J. P. Brissette, general storekeeper at St. Elizabeth, has assigned to G. Daveluy of Montreal; he is stated to owe \$7,000, assets \$6,000.—At St. Stanislas de Kotaka, a wagonmaker and hotel-keeper, named O. Marchand, has failed owing \$1,300, assets in tools, &c., about \$20.—J. P. Perrault, general store, St. Anne de la Perade, has made an assignment.—Pierre Pouliot of St. Charles de Bellechasse, has assigned to H. A. Bedard of Quebec.—The liabilities of Moise Roy, of St. Joseph du Lac, noted as failed last week, amount to \$5,000.—T. W. R. Lapointe, general store, of St. Jerome, who has been in difficulty of late, has assigned to Messrs. Kent & Turcotte, accountants, Montreal. He owes some \$6,000, with assets nominal to the same figure. J. P. Dumont of Coteau Landing, store-keeper, has failed and is offering 50 per cent.

We have received the following version of the business troubles of Wm. Potter, of Tottenham, who assigned in trust some few days ago, confident that he had a large surplus of assets and would be able to "get through all right." After taking stock it is found that the assets are \$45,000 while his liabilities for merchandise do not exceed \$16,000, and he owes \$8,000 more in the shape of money borrowed or mortgages on real estate; surplus thus \$21,000. There are \$10,500 worth of merchandise in store, \$10,000 worth of real estate, \$4,000 worth of produce, such as grain, potatoes, apples, the remaining \$20,000 of assets consists of lumber, logs, shingles, laths, mill property, machinery, horses, and chattels. A meeting of creditors was held in this city last week, when the course was advised of letting Mr. Potter go on as usual, realizing as early as possible on mill property and lumber, also to reduce the stock. We are told that the trustee, after looking into affairs, has expressed himself very confident of Mr. Potter's paying 100 cents in the dollar and getting into better shape than ever.