THE customs port at Fort Cudahy, Yukon district, has been reduced to an outpost and a new port has been established at Dawson.

THE Dominion Customs Department reports that a quarter of a million dollars were collected in duties during the fiscal year just closed upon miners' outfits at the boundary line in the White and Chilcoot Passes, leading into the Yukon territory. The collections were chiefly made from Americans.

Owing to a dispute among the members of the firm of Reid, Taylor & Bayne, wholesale milliners in this city, it has been dissolved and the court has appointed E. J. Henderson as receiver with instructions to dispose of the assets as soon as possible and wind up the business. It is generaly believed that the creditors will be paid in full.

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THE sheriff is in possession of the hotel premises of Thos. Gabriel, Vancouver, B.C. -F. J. Van Buren, restauranter, Nelson, B.C., has left the town without making a settlement with creditors.

G. E. CARTER, general storekeeper, Rosthern, N.W.T., has assigned. Formerly he was a member of the firm of Pozer & Carter which dissolved about a year ago, when the former retired with \$2,400 cash.

THE Customs figures for the fiscal year, ended July 30, at Vancouver, have been made up, and show a remarkable increase over the previous year. The revenue from all sources in 1896-97 was \$457,608.14; in 1897.98, \$667.-842.56. Imports were \$2,983,291, and exports \$11,142,000.

As a result of accumulation of stocks in the sugar trade the works of the St. Lawrence Sugar Refining Company, at Maisonneuve, have been shut down and will remain closed for three or four weeks. About 350 men are temporarily thrown out of employment.

An assignment has been made by Frank A. Gonne, grocer, Chatham. About two months ago he prepared a statement of his business showing a surplus of \$3,300 over liabilities of a similar amount. He has been about ten years in business. —A little more than a year ago Geo. T. Goddard opened a fruit and fish store in Hamilton. Now he assigns and offers his creditors 15 per cent. of their claims. It is no surprise to hear that this they decline to accent.

AFTER working on his father's farm for many years Wm. F. Leflar opened a general store in Balaclava early in 1893. Two years afterward he moved to Mount Forest, and about a year later he became anxious to extend his business, consequently a branch was opened at Cedarville. Six months ago he claimed a surplus of \$4,600 over liabilities of \$2,400. Now he assigns and an explanation of the above figures will be quite in order.---The Misses Mooney, milliners, Guelph, have been barely able to make a living. Now they assign.

THE Intercolonial Railway accounts for the fiscal year, ending 30th June last, are being made up, and it is stated unofficially that the deficit in the fraction of the road will amount to about a quarter of a million, as compared with \$59,000 in the previous year, and \$55,000 in Mr. Haggart's last year. The increased deficit, it is said, is largely due to the operation of the extension into Montreal, which has not so far furnished business commensurate with the outlay. This estimate is only report and as rumor has not always been reliable in regard to the doings of this road cannot receive too much credit.

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STOCKS.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Average,
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Molsons Toronto Jac. Cartier				260	238 110	197
Merchants	 				180	175
Commerce				145	141	128
Union	103	103	7	110	103	101
M. Telegraph	181	181	5	185	179	174
R. & O. Nav				100	98	891
Street Railway do. New	2714	275	546	276	275	219
Gas	1951	1941	FO4	272	2701	210
C.P.R.				197	195	
Bell Telephone	85	83 2	1000	843		
N.W. Land pref.		• •••••	•••••	180	168	168
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