

A VERY good display of horses, cattle, cereals and other field products, fruit and dairy produce was ready for the opening of the Provincial Exhibition of Prince Edward Island at Charlottetown last week.

THE wholesale drygoods and smallware firm of Gilmour Bros., of only recent establishment, in Montreal has been dissolved. Mr. J. D. Gilmour has been admitted into the firm of W. Taylor, Lindsay & Co., and the style will be hereafter Lindsay, Gilmour & Co.

AN Ottawa clothier named Thomas Borbridge, has just made a settlement at 35 cents on the dollar, secured. The International Tent and Awning Company, of the same city, has assigned, as also have R. W. Martin & Son, sewingmachine agents. At Pembroke, Fortin & McKinnon, tailors, who have been in trouble, have dissolved, and Fortin compromises the firm's liabilities at 60 cents on the dollar.

THE Richelieu & Ontario Company's boats are, this winter, to be renovated at a total expenditure of \$70,000. The whole fleet, the "Bohemian" excepted, is already in winter quarters at Sorel. The "Passport" will be almost wholly rebuilt, and new dining-rooms will be put in every boat, a proceeding which the travelling public thinks was very badly needed.

In the death of Mr. F. C. Capreol, which occurred on Tuesday evening last, in his 84th year, Toronto loses a citizen to whom she owed much. More than half a century a resident, he intersted himself in water-works for Toronto; he served the city as member of council and, greatest service of all, he plunged into and stuck to the Northern Railway enterprise until it was an accomplished fact. In recognition of his efforts he was presented by the citizens with a service of plate. Mr. Capreol possessed in a large degree, energy, persistence and public spirit, and has often given of his time and means to the promotion of schemes which he deemed of benefit to the community.

IN Ontario business circles we note the following changes which have taken place since our last issue. Dissolutions have been announced by Ward & McMurchy, woolens, Guelph; S. James & Co., roofers, Toronto, S. James continues; Geo. McKenzie & Co., general store, Dutton, and Cook & Allen, druggists, of this city, Wm. V. Cook continues. —Those who have sold out are R. J. Clare, confectioner, Dundalk, to Jas. Oldfield; S. Wilton, grocer, Springfield; Light King Lamp Co., Toronto, to Chas. Green; and J. McGregor, grocer, of the same place, to Service & Crabb. —Under the heading of removals might be mentioned H. D. Johnston, general store, Lobo, to Mount Brydges; S. McBride, general store, Newton Brooke, to Markham; John Neville, blacksmith, Lucan, and George R. Thompson, jeweller, Port Arthur, to London. —J. H. C. Meath, grocer, Port Colborne, has gone out of business; F. McHardy, wholesale grocer, Toronto, is dead, and his business offered for sale; and Jas. Hay & Co., furniture manufacturers, of Woodstock, are opening a branch in Winnipeg.

CANADA is again made the unwelcome recipient of a shipment of defaulters from across the Line 45°. We should be only too glad to refuse delivery of any such shipments. On Saturday last, it was found that Nathan M. Neeld, the senior partner of J. C. Ferguson & Co., large pork packers in Chicago, had left town after issuing bogus warehouse receipts for a heavy sum, thereby defrauding a number of banks and capitalists. Neeld arrived at the Balmoral Hotel, Montreal, on the 9th, with his wife and registered under his own name. He

left again next night for parts unknown. The amounts out of which he is said to have swindled some Canadian and British banks are much exaggerated. Another Chicago man, named Freeman Fearnly, disappeared on Wednesday last from his place of business and is supposed to have found asylum in the Dominion. Fearnly was a commission merchant and president of a corporation running a line of refrigerator cars over the Illinois Central and other roads. It is charged that he has been running up freight bills with the railroads and the different dispatch and express companies, and that he has failed to remit to his customers until his shortage is something serious. The next of the trio is the Assistant Postmaster at Troy, N. Y., whose absence from his post began to be remarked on Tuesday last, when it was learned that he was not confined to his house by illness as he had sent word he was. On the 12th inst., the New York postmaster called for the receipt of \$37,000, and then it was quickly seen that Burrage must have taken this amount in bulk. He is reported to be now in Canada. Stock speculation is said to have caused his downfall. High time, surely, for some international arrangement by which such thieves can be pursued and made to disgorge or to suffer for their crimes.

THE General Manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Mr. Walter N. Anderson, has resigned his position, the state of his health no longer permitting him to attempt the laborious duties of the office. Mr. Anderson has rendered long and arduous services to the Commerce through some trying commercial periods. He became its cashier early in 1873, at which time some eighteen branches had been opened, and the aggregate loans and discounts were some \$11,000,000. To-day the bank has thirty-four branches, and its loans and discounts amount to \$17,000,000. Trained in the National Bank, of Scotland, and having long served in Canada in the Bank of British North America, good schools to make a man methodical and thorough, he was well-informed as to banking principles and exacting as to routine. Mr. Anderson's natural prudence as well, probably, as his training, disposed him to move, as a banker, within safe and cautious lines rather than to attempt bold or risky ventures. His devotion to his post has been most conscientious and he commanded the general respect of his numerous constituency. A successor to Mr. Anderson has been chosen from amongst the officers of the Commerce, in the person of

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Mr. B. E. Walker, of the New York agency, and the choice appears to have been worthily made. The new general manager is a native Canadian, began his business career in Hamilton, and has been in the service of the Bank of Commerce continuously since 1868. Going in as discount clerk, he was in succession manager of the Windsor, Peterboro, London and Hamilton branches, and five years ago was made joint agent in New York with Mr. Goadby. Mr. Walker is held in high esteem in New York, a community in which a man in his position is usually judged on his merits, and though still a young man he brings to his new and responsible position a varied experience as well as abundant energy.

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