

THE Orillia Packet has it that Mr. C. J. Miller, while on a business trip to the North-west lately in connection with the tanneries which he owns and represents, sold at Brandon \$10,000 worth of leather in a single order. The Brandon shoe men must be looking for an active autumn trade.

APPLICATIONS have been filed with the State Department at Ottawa by the Consumers' Cordage Company, Limited, for letters patent to increase the company's capital from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000. The increase is required, it is said, to provide for the purchase of additional factories and plants. The company now controls all the cordage mills in Canada.

THE value of exports from the Sherbrooke consular district to the United States for the quarter ending with September was \$337,257, as against \$378,464 for the same period in 1890. The principal items were: Animals, \$47,781; hemlock bark, \$2,791; lumber, \$130,536; logs, \$13,802; produce and provisions, \$7,846; product of mine, \$117,874; pulp chemical, \$13,225.

MESSRS. MANN, BYERS & Co., of Glasgow, Scotland, one of the largest wholesale and retail dry goods houses in Scotland, have established an agency in Winnipeg. Mr. Walter Henson, late of Geo. H. Rogers & Co., will take charge of the Winnipeg branch. Messrs. Mann, Byers & Co. show their faith in the future of this western country by choosing Winnipeg as their headquarters in Canada, instead of some of the eastern cities.

THE fleet of sailing vessels bound from Europe to San Francisco aggregates 417,000 net registered tons. The Shipping List understands that the ships engaged in this particular trade are of the largest size, most of them being four-masted. It is estimated that 25,000,000 bushels of Pacific coast grain has already been sold upon European account. The heavy shipments from the Atlantic ports of the United States have lessened the demand for California grain, and to some extent weakened freights for these voyages.

W. F. BEGES, tailor, New Westminster, B.C., has assigned, with stock and book debts of \$1,500. His liabilities are \$2,500. It is stated that he has left the place.—The sheriff is in possession of the steam laundry in New Westminster, under power of chattel mortgage, and the stock was offered for sale.

—P. H. Smith, who keeps a restaurant in the same city, has assigned.—In Vancouver, L. Davis & Co., who have been in the clothing

business five years, have assigned with heavy liabilities and creditors need not expect a large dividend.

IF the people of Owen Sound will lend them \$15,000 for ten years at four per cent., Messrs. J. G. & A. Hay, late of Woodstock, will build a chair factory at the former town. They propose that after the lapse of five years \$1,000 of the loan is to be paid back to the town yearly. The factory, etc., to have free water and to be free from taxation for ten years. The Hays are to erect a three-storey brick building 45 by 150 feet; a one storey brick building, 45 by 50 feet, with separate boiler house, and to employ steadily at least forty hands.

COAL, furs, hides, and treasure are the main items in a list of exports from the port of Victoria, British Columbia, during the quarter ended September 30th. We give a part of the list below:

Coal	value	\$717,351
Hides and furs.....	"	117,066
Treasure	"	117,513
Silver ore	"	3,988
Rice	"	2,585
Animals	"	1,750

Other goods such as fish, tobacco, liquors, coffee, fertilizers, stone, make up a total for the quarter of \$970,075 in value.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY, New Brunswick, which borders on the Atlantic ocean and on the Bay of Fundy, has this year fifty-eight lobster factories in operation, where last year there were only thirty-five. These have put up in 1891 no less than 20,183 cases of 48 pounds each, equal to 968,784 pounds in all. Last year the pack was only 682,704 pounds. The Portland Packing Company, which has four factories, put up 5,150 cases; F. F. Kimball, 1,350 cases; Job Trenholm, 800 cases; three other Trenholms, 1,150; J. L. Black, 510; Philip Borgue, Amos Burke, Samuel Robinson, Welsh & Dobson, 500 each, and forty others from 50 to 400 cases each.

OCCASIONALLY one may hear dealers from the country remark: "We can buy such and such goods cheaper nearer home." This is doubtless true, says the *Dry Goods Chronicle*, for occasionally in nearly all markets some leading article is offered at a very low price to catch the unwary buyer and to draw his trade. Shrewd, wide-awake dealers understand this, and although eager to catch a bargain wherever offered, they generally confine themselves to that and nothing else, for they are wise enough to know that the loss will be made up

on other goods of which they know less about. Every man in this country is merchant enough to know that a jobber or dealer cannot sell goods at a loss and at the same time pay his bills, and that it is the average bill of merchandise that a man buys that tells the story.

THE following named Montreal traders have recently assigned: J. B. Dagenais, contractor, who owes \$3,444; Joseph Giroux, paints and hardware, \$2,864; Robt. Summerhayes, photographer, \$2,489; C. E. Carter, grocer, \$1,056; Leonard & Frere, shoes, \$882; Charpentier & Porcheron, plumbers, \$2,965; Antoine C. Verrault, insurance broker, \$2,146; Cleophas St. Jean, baker, \$9,847, and Alfred Robinson, confectioner, \$2,992. We note also the assignment of Dumaresq & Co., manufacturers' agents and jobbers, Montreal, with liabilities of \$45,000.

THE Sun Lithographing Co. in this city has decided to liquidate, and at a meeting of creditors held on Saturday a committee was appointed to look into its affairs. It reports that the plant, furnished by the company, amounts to \$25,000, but the estimated value is about \$17,000, the difference being in the value of the lithographing stones. The assets of the company are estimated as follows: Merchandise, \$4,446; plant, \$24,955; bills receivable, \$200; book debts, \$500; cash, \$200; total, \$23,768. There are direct liabilities to the public of about \$15,000, besides secured liabilities of \$8,100, and preferred claims of \$1,700, and the capital stock has been wiped out. This company took over the business of the Grant Lithographing Company in June, 1890, its capital stock being \$15,800.

THIS week there are quite a number of minor changes to note among country stores in this province. In Campbellford, C. S. Gillespie has sold his hardware stock to Tait & Douglas. J. W. Phillips has bought the general stock of W. Spencer at Clavering, and Jere. Orser, of Harrietsville, has sold his general stock to D. D. York. In Queenstown, R. Goring & Son have sold out their general store. Bourke & Co., of Windsor, disposed of their stock of men's furnishing goods. J. S. Sharp has sold his general stock, at Pontypool, to J. Nasmith. At Fairfield, H. C. Eastlake has sold his general stock to B. G. Burk. Moore Bros. have bought the general stock of Wm. Cowan at, Blackstock, and J. D. McKenzie has sold his grocery stock to J. W. White. The grocery stock of Wm. Tilley, Aylmer, has also changed owners.

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