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tions must be fearful, unless indeed the laborer be gifted with a bright imagination, somewhat like that Lord Dundas of whom Sheridan said that he depended on his imagination for his facts and on his memory for his wit. It is surprising what an amount of clever banking talent there is lying idle all over the Dominion.

— The building of a new railroad is in contemplation from some point on the Detroit River at or near Windsor to Essex Centre station on the Canada Southern Railroad, and thence to Kingsville or Leamington on the shore of Lake Erie. A provisional board has been organized, and the opening of subscription books for \$50,000 of capital stock is virtually agreed upon. The shares are to be \$100 each, but only \$10 per share will be called until sufficient progress shall be made to convince the parties interested that the enterprise will be carried to successful completion. The provisional board is about to hold a meeting at which definite action will doubtless be taken.

— The *Orillia Packet* thinks there is need for improvement in the postal arrangements between Canada and England, and quotes from a correspondent in Great Britain: "Do you think you can do anything to agitate for a reduction of the cost of money orders between England and Canada? It would be a great boon if it could be obtained. There are thousands of cases where persons wish to send small amounts for a variety of purposes, and the present charges are a great hindrance. Why cannot persons in Canada send books, &c., at as cheap a rate of postage as we can to Canada? Both countries belong to the General Postal Union."

— John Cook, an English bondholder of the New York, Boston and Montreal Railway, has commenced a suit to set aside as fraudulent the sale of bonds of the Company to him and some thirty other British bondholders. Among the defendants are Trevor W. Park, John Q. Hoyt, Wm. B. Duncan, and Seligman & Co. According to the complaint, the defendants were interested in the New York and Boston, Dutchess and Columbia and Harlem Extension Companies, and when these became insolvent, the defendants, to get rid of their losses, made a scheme by floating bonds in Europe, secured by the property of the insolvent Companies. It is understood the answer will deny the charges of misrepresentation and conspiracy.

— On Victoria street, Liverpool, is a certain warehouse containing a mechanical refrigerator with machinery and appliances for cooling and preserving meat on a large scale, the construction of which cost some two or three thousand pounds. Experimenting in this direction has been going on for years with somewhat unsatisfactory and indefinite results, but the machine to which we refer is regarded as deciding affirmatively all questions as to the practicability and advantageousness of mechanical refrigerators for keeping great quantities of meat fresh and pure, and we are glad to announce that it is in the hands of enterprising Canadians, Messrs. H. J. Stevenson & Co., formerly of Montreal.

— Samuel M. Dougall, of Renfrew, Ont., an undischarged insolvent, purchased some \$7,000 worth of dry goods in his wife's name, giving notes duly signed by her and endorsed by a third party in payment. Through bankruptcy,

the matter has come before the Courts, and, inasmuch as Mrs. Dougall had no separate estate, exercised no control over the goods, and knew nothing of the business, Judge Deacon renders a decision that the goods never belonged to the wife, that she could not bind herself by promissory notes, and that the transaction from the beginning was a mere device to blind the public and defraud creditors. We like to hear a spade called a spade, and are inclined to think Judge Deacon does too.

— It appears that the Brady Bros., plumbers, referred to last week, do not enjoy the none-such distinction with which we were disposed to credit them, for from Renfrew, Ont., comes notice of two cases of insolvency, viz., Ira Mayhew and R. C. Mills, wholly without assets, and a third, that of McIntyre & Bannerman in which the assets will barely pay costs. R. C. Mills failed about two years ago, and effected a composition at 50 cents on the dollar, giving notes for \$9000 in settlement, endorsed by Wm. Bannermann, M.P., a brother of the Bannerman above named. The endorser is hopelessly insolvent, though not in bankruptcy, nor is his whereabouts known. These four cases are bad enough, and they move us to revise our opinion of the Bradys, and look upon their total dividend of three-tenths of one per cent. as a very respectable one after all.

— The half-yearly statement of failures in Canada, published by Messrs. Dun, Wiman & Co., reports 1067 failures during the six months ending June 30th, with liabilities aggregating \$17,425,953. For the corresponding period last year the failures numbered 947, with liabilities of \$13,508,729. These figures show an increase