

A NEW YORK dry goods firm, E. J. Denning & Co., who succeeded A. T. Stewart & Co., has conceived the novel and artistic idea of combining an exhibition of statuary with their spring opening. They include some of the finest works of American sculptors.

At the next general meeting of the Business Men's Convention, so pleasantly and successfully inaugurated at the Hamilton summer carnival last season, a constitution and by-laws will be submitted. These were framed at a meeting of the committee held last week.

A LUMBER concern at St. Raymond, Que., E. A. Panet & Co., has assigned with the respectable liabilities of \$22,800, assets apparent \$15,500. An offer of 25 cents in the dollar is probable. The senior partner is a notary by profession, and Seigneur of Broughton.

From the Maritime Provinces comes word of the assignment of the following traders:—G. M. Stanley, tailor, Amherst, N.S.; A. G. Purdy, general store, Springhill, N.S.—M. F. Eagar, wholesale drugs, Halifax, is offering to settle at 50 cents on the dollar, and Wm. Reid, general dealer at Summerside, P.E.I., asks an extension of time.

THE town of St. John's, Que., has furnished its full quota of failures during the fall and winter of 1889-90. The last reported is that J. E. Bourque, dealer in dry goods, who bought out the Larocque estate about two years ago, without possessing any capital of consequence. He is now endeavoring to compromise liabilities of \$12,816, at 50 cents on the dollar.

In the statement of goods exported at the port of Halifax during February, are found:—Products of the mine, \$40,569; fisheries, \$180,269; agricultural products, \$116,470; manufactures, \$45,800. The total shows an increase over 1889, of \$80,321. Sugar, \$126,462, was the principal item in the list of imports; woollens amounted to \$65,692, and cottons to \$49,272. An increase of \$210,651 is shown over the corresponding month of last year.

SCHACHT, LEMEKE & STEINER, San Francisco, have issued an exhaustive review of the California honey trade. The production of honey is placed at 2,200,000 pounds in 1889, against 3,500,000 pounds in 1888, 1,200,000 pounds in 1887, 5,000,000 pounds in 1886, 1,250,000 pounds in 1885, and 9,000,000 pounds in 1884. The prospect for the coming season is considered very good. There will probably be a larger yield than previously had since 1884.

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EUSEBE MORRISSETTE, in business some four or five years in the dry goods line at Three Rivers, is offering 80 cents on the dollar spread over 12 months.—Another Trifluvian of the same name and in the same business, N. E. Morrisette, has assigned to the Court, owing some \$8,000. He compromised only last spring at 75 cents in the dollar.

THE creditors of J. B. Durocher, of Montreal, well known as mine host of the "Riche-lieu" hotel, had rather a stormy meeting last week, at which considerable dissatisfaction with the state of "the landlord's" affairs was shown. His liabilities foot up to some \$74,000, and there is no very evident disposition to grant him a composition. An assignment was made on Monday last.

WHAT is said to be one of the handsomest things of the kind ever produced in this country is the gold and silver trophy prepared by the Meridan Britannia Co., of Hamilton, for the Ottawa Football Club. It is the figure of an agile footballer, 12 inches high, the design of A. H. H. Heming, of the Art School. The total height of the trophy is 40 inches, and cost about \$500.

THE *Age of Steel* says that "nominally a car-load continues to be 20,000 pounds. It is also 70 barrels of salt, 70 barrels of lime, 90 barrels of flour, 6 cords of soft wood, 18 or 20 head of cattle, 50 or 60 head of hogs, 90 or 100 head of sheep, 8,000 feet of solid boards, 17,000 feet of siding, 13,000 feet of flooring, 40,000 shingles, one-half less of hard lumber, one-fourth less of green lumber, one-tenth less of joist, scantling and other larger timbers, 340 bushels of wheat, 400 bushels of barley, 400 bushels of corn, 680 bushels of oats, 360 bushels of flaxseed, 360 bushels of apples, 340 bushels of Irish potatoes, 380 bushels of sweet potatoes, and 1,000 bushels of bran."

A MEETING was recently held in Amherst, N.S., the aim of which was the starting of the flax mill in St. Thomas. A local journal says:—The mill for some time has been working against great disadvantages, and has been run at a great loss. The firm finds it impossible to secure a good market for the flax. The flax trade of Canada is controlled by Mr. J. Livingstone, M.P.P. for Waterloo. The flax is all sent to the United States, and the dealers there purchase chiefly through Mr. Livingstone, so that he fixes the price for Canada. The price paid, it is said, is too low to pay expenses let alone make a profit. Mr. Lindsay, on being asked by a reporter why a linen

factory could not be started in connection with the flax mill, said that they could not compete with the Irish linen factories, and, besides, the flax grown here was not suitable for the making of linen.

WE did not expect to hear such a result of the recent meeting of the creditors of H. A. Collins, the dealer in house furnishings whose failure we have noted. It is that J. McArthur Griffith, the trustee, is authorized to accept an offer which will net about 14 cents on the dollar. The liabilities are upwards of \$37,000.—At Suckling, Cassidy & Co's. this week the bankrupt dry goods stock of Danford Roche, at Barrie, amounting to \$19,599, sold at 43½ cents on the dollar, and the New-market stock, valued at \$21,649, at 53 cents. Both were acquired by Mrs. J. R. Roche, which means, it is safe to say, that the unsubduable Danforth will once more court the fickle goddess Fortune—and the favor of as many wholesalers who are anxious to sell goods these hard times.

A MEETING of creditors has been called by W. F. H. Thompson, a general storekeeper at Penetanguishene. He owes some \$15,000, and has nominal assets of the same amount. The present is not Mr. Thompson's first financial embarrassment. In 1884 he was granted an extension, an act of kindness (?) repeated in 1886, and in 1888 he assigned, creditors accepting 63 cents on the dollar.—J. W. Jenkins, a dealer in house furnishings in this city, has failed.—Assignments are registered against three traders in Belleville. When J. S. Crothers, confectioner, failed in 1883, creditors received but 10 cents on the dollar. The business was acquired by his wife, Isabella, who now assigns. Starting in a small way twelve years ago, James Wallace, another confectioner, built up a good

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