

The merry war of rates goes on between the great rail routes. The Chicago & Grand Trunk Road has not given up the fight on dressed beef rates. It gave notice of a rate of 36 cents per 100 pounds, Chicago to Boston via Montreal, beginning June 20th, the date on which the 39-cent rate of the other roads took effect. As soon as the Lake Shore officers learned this, they announced that they would meet the 36-cent rate, taking effect June 26th. Immediately after the Grand Trunk sent a notice to the Interstate Commerce Association announcing a further reduction in the dressed beef rate to 33 cents, taking effect June 23. We have not heard the effect of this.

We have a letter from the firm of Henderson Brothers, merchants at Chilliwack, B.C., giving particulars of the circumstances under which, as we stated in our issue of 30th May, that firm assigned. They write: "Our report of three years ago was right. [They then claimed a large surplus.] But we were carrying a very large credit business, and last March we concluded to close down for one year, collect, and pay up. Consequently we sold our stock of goods to Martin Bros., late of Calgary, at 70 cents on the dollar, and leased them the store and shops for one year. Three of the creditors that we have dealt with for some years got in a hurry and sued us, and to protect our other creditors we assigned to Mr. Janus, of Carbould, McColl & Janus, Westminster, B.C. We owe \$12,000 to merchants, and before a

month passes will have farmers' notes in the Bank of Montreal at Westminster to cover the full amount. The other \$9,000 we owe to A. A. Green, of Victoria, and he is secured by \$19,000 of mortgages due us. We can, if not crowded, pay before the end of 1890 two dollars for every one dollar we owe, and then have some left."

The failures for the week are few, and of less importance than any previous week this year, which is a matter of congratulation. Among them is that of Douglas Brown, builder, Owen Sound. He finds that his liabilities are \$6,000, and claims assets of \$12,000, these including an old building which has been changed into a planing-mill. But he is "locked-up," and cannot pay.—Wilson Bros., founders at Shelbourne, have found it necessary to consult their creditors, and a meeting will be held at Orangeville next Wednesday.—Jos. O'Hara, of the Continental Hotel in this city, also met his creditors, and offered them 40 per cent. of their claims. This was refused. His liabilities are \$8,000, and assets \$3,000.

A new find has been made at the Badger mine, owned by Milwaukee people, near Port Arthur. It was from this property that over \$250,000 in silver was shipped during the last twelve months. Superintendent Shear had faith in fresh veins, and after prospecting, two

weeks ago, struck a new run, some 350 feet north of the other. This has been traced for nearly 2,000 feet. A shaft was commenced, and after sinking 14 feet, a vein 4 feet wide was struck, with an 18-inch pay-streak of native silver, sulphide of silver, argentiferous galena and zinc blende, which averaged 1,757 ounces of silver per ton. The Badger people have purchased the adjoining property, known as section 96 T, 160 acres, or Porcupine mine, for \$60,000 cash.

The following appears to be a corrected list of the production in 1889 and 1888 respectively of minerals in Nova Scotia. It is from the report of Mr. Edwin Gilpin, jr., Inspector of Mines for Nova Scotia, for the calendar year 1889:

	1888.	1889.
Gold, ounces	22,407	26,155
Iron ore	41,611	45,907
Manganese ore, tons	88	67
Coal raised, tons	1,776,128	1,756,279
Coke made, tons	29,808	35,505
Gypsum exported, tons ..	125,800	147,844
Barytes, tons	1,100	None.
Grindstones, etc., value ..	\$17,225	\$18,000
Moulding sand ex., tons...	169	170
Antimony ore ex., tons..	308	55
Limestone, tons	15,448	19,000
Copper ore, tons	500

—One hundred boys and girls of Woodland, Cal., whose ages range from 12 to 19 years, have formed a Co-operative Fruit-canning and Drying Union.

—It is stated by the *Augusta Journal* that there are thirty-five kinds of granite in the State of Maine, each one of which possesses distinctive characteristics readily recognized by workmen acquainted with monumental and building stones. There are all shades of what are termed white granite, the most beautiful of which is the Hallowell, together with the red granite of Red Beach, and the black granite of Addison County.

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