

business. The names of the applicants for incorporation are: George Charles Henry Lang, John Adolf Lang, August Reinhold Lang, of Berlin, Ont., tanners; Mary Ann Kaiser, Detroit; and William Hermann Lang, of Chicago, hide broker.

MONTREAL real estate men were much exercised about the end of last week, when the announcement was made that Wilson & Frost, who have been heavy operators and builders, were in embarrassed shape, as their failure would no doubt seriously involve others. An informal meeting of their creditors was held last Saturday, at which it was claimed that the firm showed a surplus of some \$200,000 over liabilities running well up into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. This surplus a conservative authority pulled down to about \$90,000, but a strong committee of creditors was appointed to go closely into their affairs and report later. A demand of assignment has been made on a small claim of about \$2,000, but this they are contesting.

A MEETING of the Dominion Hop-growers' Association was held in Belleville last week, when a discussion arose about the size of hop-boxes. Some of those present desired to continue the use of old English hop measures; others held very different views, but all agreed that a uniform size of box was desirable. The Belleville inspector of weights and measures, Mr. Johnson, was present, and declared his desire to aid in meeting the views of the hop-growers. At last a resolution to memorialize the Dominion Government to adopt a standard hop box to be used by all hop-growers, was carried unanimously. The meeting held an election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the re-election of the old officers, viz: W. B. Cooper, president; J. Sprague, M. P. P., vice-president; S. J. Cetter, sec'y.

The following are the failures, etc., in the Province of Quebec for the week:—Calixte Herbert, a small trader at Ste. Clothilde de Horton, has assigned.—A Montreal grocer in a limited way, Wilbrod Rousseau, is reported absent from the city, and the estate is in the hands of the court. Liabilities are under \$1,000.—De Forest, Gleason & Co., of Station Flats, who started in the tin-smithing line about two years ago in the face of already close competition, have not been successful, and are asking a compromise.—Bellay & Co., general dealers at Fraserville, have assigned on demand, owing about \$6,000. Mr. B. failed before six years ago, and has since been

doing business in his wife's name.—The Sherbrooke Corset Company, a small affair started by a couple of young men only a few months ago, has suspended. The concern never had any capital or standing of consequence.—J. H. Hyatt & Co., a firm of tin-smiths at Granby, have obtained an extension on small liabilities.—Fafard & Co., of Montreal, dealing in crockery in a small way, have assigned. Liabilities, \$900.

Tax Department of Customs at Ottawa has received a report of the seizure of liquor by the cruiser "Constance" in the Gulf of St. Lawrence last week. Altogether sixty-one packages of contraband liquor, valued at over \$5,000, were captured. This is probably the same seizure described by a later despatch as occurring near L'Islet, and that, "as the liquor could not be immediately transferred to Quebec, it was stored in the cellar of a citizen of the locality who was appointed its guardian. During the night a successful attempt was made by parties suspected of being in league with the smugglers to recover possession of a portion of the confiscated liquor." One Arthur Dissault, merchant, of Liales, is under arrest charged with having been a party to the raid.

HERE are four cases of business difficulty occurring in Ontario, each showing some variety of circumstances: Chas. E. Tolton, dealer in men's furnishing goods at Stratford, has effected a compromise with creditors on liabilities of \$9,000 at 60 per cent. cash. The money has been advanced, it appears, by a local private banking firm, which has taken security on the stock. An authenticated report in the daily papers state, that a clerk of Tolton's has decamped with \$200 cash.—In July, 1891, a couple of strangers named Jarvis and Leach arrived at the village of Staples and began carriage building. Evidently they succeeded in getting some credit, for they have obligations they cannot meet, and now they assign.—After being many years general storekeeping at Campden, H. S. Hammel finds it no longer possible to make substantial progress, or even to keep "in the swim," and he makes an assignment.—A contractor at Forest named Geo. McCormack, who was supposed to have some profitable jobs in hand, is now missed from the district and his creditors feel quite anxious about the matter.

—The Winnipeg Free Press learns that a special joint tariff sheet, all rail, on wheat in carloads from grain-shipping stations in Mani-

toba, Assiniboia and Saskatchewan for export by way of New York, has been issued by the Canadian Pacific, the Manitoba and North-Western, and the Great North-West Central railways, in connection with the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg and the West Shore railroads. The tariff taking effect from 15th November.

—The Bedford, Que., town council has adopted the following resolution: That whereas a petition was this day presented to this board, signed by a large number of rate-payers of this town, asking that manufacturers constantly employing twenty persons be exempt from municipal taxation for a term of years; be it therefore resolved, that any persons or company who at present or hereafter may carry on any industry, as well as the land used for said industry, and giving constant employment to at least twenty persons actually engaged in the premises in said industry, under Act 4559 of the Revised Statutes of 1888, for a term of ten years from this date.

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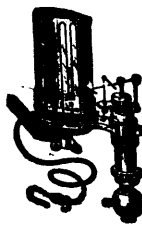
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