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of eight cars loaded with tea for Montreal, etc., and one with coal, was thrown into the river. The brakeman was killed, the engineer and fireman injured.

THE principal happening in Toronto commercial circles this week is the assignment of the Toronto Biscuit and Confectionery Co. to H. Vigeon, with liabilities of about \$35,000. This unexpected move was occasioned, we understand, by the withdrawal or attempted withdrawal of a large sum of money left in the business at the death of the late A. M. Smith, from whom the plant of the workswhich had been William Hessin's-was purchased some years ago. — The stock of Joseph Rogers, hatter, has been sold to N. G. Garland at 40 cents in the dollar. Rogers, it is said, has been arrested for defrauding his creditors.

THE evil effects of giving credit too freely are apparent in the case of G. A. Caldwell, harness dealer, at Madoc. He started business in 1885, but has never made great headway. Many people who should not have been, were given credit for the fruits of his labor, and now he has assigned. Two failures are reported from Peterboro'. Misses Hallihan & Cahill were milliners, but, woman-like, had a disagreement which could not be satisfactorily settled. Then they endeavored to arrange a dissolution of partnership, but this, too, fell through, so they have assigned. --- Another failure in the same place is that of N. E. Sanderson & Co., painters, who have been sold out for rent.-The mortgagee has seized the stock of cigars belonging to F. W. Durnford, in London. The effects of hotelkeeper J. G. Turner, Point Edward, will be sold by the bailiff on the 11th

REAL estate transactions in Montreal during June showed, according to Property, total sales within the city 99 in number, amounting to \$270,924.53, as against 89 sales and \$317,138 in value in May, and 85 sales and #285,986 62 in June, 1895. Including sales of suburban property, the sales for the city and suburbs are 140, of a value of \$349,255.78, against 138 sales, of \$437,479 19 value, last month. The principal falling off is in Westmount. The Annex shows a decline of over \$14,000 from last month, while St. Henri and the Junction both show increases.

More than 50 of the total number of sales have been vacant lots, showing that a good many are taking advantage of the present dullness to pur-chase lots on which to make homes for them-The largest number of transfers in any city ward referred to properties in St. Denis ward, but the greatest aggregate values were in St. James, St. Louis and St. Antoine wards.

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