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A BRANCH of the bank of Nova Scotia is to be opened shortly at Newcastle, N.B.

A MUSIC composer being asked if he had done anything lately, replied that his last work was a composition—with his creditor.

THE JEWELLERY trade in England is reviving, and Birmingham is said to be turning out silver bracelets at the rate of 10,000 per week.

S. B.—BROCKVILLE.—Thanks for the suggestion. We shall endeavor to give them at an early day.—J. C. G.—Woodville. Kind endeavors appreciated all the same.

A NEW steamer is being built at Chicoutimi to run between Quebec and the Saguenay, and will be launched next spring tide.—The new railway bridge, 1,100 feet long, commenced at Woodstock, N.B., three months ago, is completed.

A COMMITTEE in trust, composed of Thos. R. Jones, John Cowan, and Jas. A. Seed have been appointed by the Court to wind up the affairs of John N. McManus, clothier, St. John, N.B., who left suddenly for England a few months ago. His liabilities amount to \$25,000, and the stock on hand is valued at \$7,000.

AT THE recent social gathering in Boston, absent the new Allan steamship "Parisian," the president of one of the Boston street-car companies in the course of his speech intimated to Sir Hugh that he should have no objection to exchange civilities with him at any time!

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THE QUEBEC commercial travellers have instructed their counsel to take out a writ of prohibition against the Corporation of Quebec to prevent the latter from imposing upon them the cost of licenses.

SINCE the recent escapade of the two Federal Bank clerks in London, Ont., a detective, it is stated, is under instructions from the General Manager of one of the banks to keep an eye on the personal habits of bank clerks in that city.

MR. W. T. O'REILLY, inspector of Insurance for the Province of Ontario, has been superseded by Mr. Hunter, late Principal of the Blind Institute, Brantford. Some insubordinate pupils, since dismissed, gave the ex-Principal quite a "send-off" last Friday evening in the shape of a bonfire on the grounds of the Institute, in which he was burnt in effigy.

IN THE Massachusetts Senate recently three reports on the petition of Walter Shanly for compensation for work done in and on account of the Hoosac Tunnel were submitted by the Committee on Claims. The majority report was accompanied by a resolve allowing \$45,495.02. Two members reported a resolve allowing \$129,874.05, and two other members reported leave to withdraw. Mr. Shanly might well exclaim,—*"The Hoosac it is in suing long to bide."*

OF THE starting of cotton factories there is no end. According to a despatch from St. John, N. B., the proprietor of the New Brunswick cotton-mill contemplates the erection of another mill "at or near the Intercolonial Railway," and asks Portland Town Council for exemption from taxes for ten years,—Sussex having offered a site free of charge, and Moncton being ready to exempt the mill from taxation and also take

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stock. The proposition is to be considered by a Committee of the Board.—Mr. James Slater, of London, is said to be negotiating with the authorities of Wingham, with reference to establishing a cotton factory in that town.

THE ESTATE of Messrs. Oppenheimer Bros., contractors, at Victoria, British Columbia, has, at the order of the Court, been placed in the hands of a Receiver. The firm was formerly wealthy, but for some time past have been weak, and at a meeting of creditors, including several Canadian houses in the West, a few days ago, an assignment was agreed to: but it seems the full Court refused to recognize the validity of the deed. The firm's liabilities amount to over \$60,000, of which it is said \$40,000 are due to a Hamilton firm. This is the second time this firm have been in difficulties, their former liabilities having been about \$180,000; the present failure is attributed partially to carrying too large a stock, including supplies for workmen, etc.

"AND WILL HE NO' come back again?" is the general inquiry on the part of those who were best acquainted with the suave and obliging young gentleman who for some years past officiated as manager of one of the "wire" companies in this city. Stock speculations are the alleged cause of his absence, which all who knew him exceedingly regret. The deficit is said to be within \$2,000.