

LETTERS patent of incorporation have been issued to the Montreal Land and Improvement Company, its authorized capital being \$300,000. The principal shareholders are Messrs. T. G. Shaughnessy, E. B. Osler, James Ross, R. Prefontaine and H. S. Holt.

Mr. G. B. BURLAND has registered as card and paper manufacturer, Montreal, under the name of the Union Card and Paper Co., and Mrs. Wm. Frost as trader in patent medicines, under the name of the Queen's Medicine Company, in the same city.

A DEMAND of assignment has been made upon L. O. H. Langlois, general store, St. Hugues, Que., whose brief business career and early embarrassment we noted last week. It was expected he would get an extension. His liabilities now turn out to be nearly \$12,000, his wife having filed a \$5,000 claim for dower.

In compliance with a petition signed by a large majority of the business firms of the town of Lindsay dealing in dry goods, clothing, millinery and fancy goods, the town council has passed the necessary by-law making it compulsory to close establishments engaged in the above businesses at 6 o'clock in the evening, except on Saturday and the days preceding any public holiday.

FIFTY cents on the dollar, payable in two, four, and six months, and secured, is the offer of A. H. Ouimet, a Montreal dry goods man, to his creditors. He owes about \$7,500. Demers & Co., of the same city, dealers in Indian and fancy goods, have assigned on demand; liabilities \$7,981. They have been weak and in uncertain shape for some time, and sought an extension last March, the terms of which they have been unable to carry out.

A VERY respectable and leading firm of cabinet makers at Ottawa, Harris & Campbell, are reported as seeking a 50 cents in the dollar compromise upon liabilities of some \$25,000. Though doing the best business in their line at the capital, they have been slow pay and in weak condition for some time, through over-investment in real estate, etc., and through being rather slack collectors of their outstandings.

The phonograph is now in successful operation in the Toronto agency of Messrs. Dun, Wiman & Co. All the extensive correspondence relating to the various departments of the business is dictated to this wonderful instrument, which in turn unfolds its tale to an operator seated at the typewriter. It has not only appropriated to itself part of the name by which shorthand

is known, but it would seem, in this case, to have done away with its services as well. Instead of talking to the phonographer, you talk into the phonograph.

THEIR change of matter having been received too late for the regular space on our front page, Messrs. John Macdonald & Co. make their warm weather announcement in another part of this issue.

AN assignment has been made by George Rooke, a Prescott tailor, who has only been in business two years. His liabilities are about \$3,500, assets apparent about \$4,000.—Geo. H. Leslie, of Ottawa, a grocer in a limited way of business, has also failed.

A CHART issued by the United States Weather Bureau shows that between 1886 and 1891 the number of wrecks that occurred on the American great lakes was 147, involving the loss of 257 lives and a total estimated money loss of \$21,955,590.

IF our reference in last issue to Messrs. "Strange & Co." of Winnipeg had omitted the final *e* in that name, the identity of the firm would not have been somewhat obscured. However, there are few of their friends who would not know that Strang & Co. were meant.

A BUTCHER and contractor at Selkirk, in the far West, B. McKay Gunn by name, has assigned to Mr. S. A. D. Bertrand of Winnipeg.—From New Westminster, B. C., comes word of the failure of Alf. Hardman, dealer in tins.—The sheriff has taken possession of the effects of Berteaux & Co., grocers, and Jenkins & Calderwood, men's furnishings in Vancouver. The latter at the instance of a Montreal creditor.

In April, 1889, E. J. Stephenson failed in Brantford as a shoe dealer, and has since carried on business in his wife's name, her brother supplying the means of purchasing the stock. Now she makes an assignment.—About ten years ago John Camelford & Co. began the manufacture of carpets in Paris, Ont. They dissolved a year afterward. Since then Mr. C. has continued alone. In the fall of 1890 he made a big loss by the failure of one Boggess, of Hamilton. Since then he has had a struggle, and now he assigns with liabilities of \$3,000. Assets nominal.

WITH a good gun, and powder that is practically smokeless, regular in strength, uniform in results, giving the maximum of propulsion—to mention but a few terms that are most intelligible to a sportsman—surely the principal accessories of hunting have reached a per-

fection that must be regarded as almost ideal. These are some of the claims made for the Schultze smokeless gunpowder, the Canadian agents of which are Messrs. H. S. Howland, Sons & Co., of this city. All that a good shot needs, if he has a good gun, good powder and a good dog, is to have some one tell him where to go to do his shooting. Mr. Callaway, Mr. Slatter or Mr. Weatherston will satisfy him on this point.

WE have already chronicled the fact that R. F. Young, a dealer in shoes at Alliston, has found it necessary to consult with creditors. He has since assigned.—Though coming from a farm in 1884, Thomas Nixon is said to have made money for a time as a grist-miller at Bluevale, Ont. Latterly, however, the business has fallen off and an assignment is now announced.—Four years after commencing business as a general dealer at Constance, in Huron county, J. A. Stewart suffered severe loss from fire. This was in 1890, and shortly afterwards a settlement was effected with creditors. His wife then became the nominal proprietor, but without averting the failure which has now taken place.—It was predicted of T. M. Henderson that his venture in the men's furnishing line at Norwich would be short lived. A fulfilment has come within a year, his assignment being now registered.

ON Wednesday last the creditors of H. W. Bryant, sole proprietor of the Bryant, Gibson Pickle Manufactory in Toronto, had a meeting. A few days previous, Mr. B. had suspended payment and stated that he owed \$3,100. His assets consist of stock \$1,700, plant, machinery, etc., an equal amount.—About ten years ago M. Lamont failed as a member of the firm of H. & M. Lamont, dry goods dealers, Chatham. After this Malcolm "went on the road" and did well. Being tired travelling he purchased, in the fall of 1888, the bankrupt stock of C. A. Crawford, of London, amounting to \$20,000, at 33 per cent., cash. Part of the stock was sold there and in December the same year the remainder was shipped to Toronto. Not meeting with the desired success here, he compromised with his creditors on a cash basis, paying 33½ per cent. This was accomplished by borrowing from some of his Chatham friends. Now he again assigns with liabilities about \$7,000.—Another real estate dealer here has "thrown up the sponge." This time it is J. J. McIntyre, who has assigned. So have Whillans & Shiach, speculative builders.

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