

plugs, moulds, dies, and other counterfeiting devices were brought to light. At Stoddard's farm a hollow stump, several rods from the house, was found to contain a delicate turning lathe pushed into the stump and covered with dead leaves and other rubbish.

OFFERS of compromise are made by two general dealers in the province of Quebec. Robt. Banford, of Lachute Mills, asks creditors to accept 40 cents in the dollar on \$5,000, with security; while J. F. A. Morrison, of St. Anne de Belledune, offers 30 per cent. cash and 5 per cent. in six months, on no less than \$18,500.

An odd smuggling story in connection with a seizure made by the Customs officers at the store of Mr. Smith, is told by the Coaticook, Que., *Observer*: Learning that the officers had made a seizure at this store, and supposing they would not return there again, another trader, who had some of the same goods in stock, (also smuggled) had them carried to the store of Smith for safety, in case his premises also should be searched. Strange to say, however, the officers did visit the Smith store a second time and consequently found the stuff of his fellow trader which had been transferred there for safety! The goods were, of course, confiscated.

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SIR JOSEPH HICKSON has declined a banquet tendered him by the council of the Montreal Board of Trade.

ASSIGNMENTS in the east of Ontario are reported as under: Donald McCrimmon, Lancaster, general dealer; A. G. Case, fancy goods, Brockville; P. & J. Laporte, grocers, Ottawa; R. J. Brown, hotel-keeper, Kingston.

A MAN named Wilder, doing business in New York and Boston, has been arrested charged with smuggling opium into the United States from his branch house in Quebec. He used to take it over in a grip-sack, 50 pounds at a time, and beat Uncle Sam out of \$30,000 in a few months. He was sent to jail.

A MEETING of the creditors of Louis Bruneau, crockery, Quebec, is called for to-day, and one of Joseph St. Marie's, store-keeper, St. Urbain, for yesterday. — Rochon & McBride, dealers in dry goods at Ottawa, have made an assignment. They seem to have paid too big a price for P. Rochon's stock in 1889-90. — Jno. Crichton, Jr., general dealer, Valleyfield, long in business, has had to assign, owing over \$8,000. — M. Berthiaume & Co., general dealers, St. Marthe, Que., are offering 20 cents in the dollar on \$1,500 of liability.

QUITE a number of small traders in Toronto are in difficulty this week. Among them are F. H. Sutton, who found the bailiff in his grocery to secure his rent. — The Office Files Manufacturing Co., which recently began business, and was building premises out at Mimico, has already assigned. The paid capital was not adequate to the work undertaken. — J. E. Davidson has been about ten years in a planing mill. In June, 1888, his affairs were found badly mixed, and an assignment was made. This year he makes another assignment. — Wm. McKenzie, milliner, whom we noted as in difficulty some time ago, has assigned to W. Blakely. — Albert Switzer, builder, is in the hands of an assignee.

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IN Quebec province we have of traders assigning as per following list: Alfred Corbeille, grocer, Valleyfield; Joseph Camararie, saddler, St. Johns; Marie A. L. Desaulniers, wife of Joseph Lairgue, doing business under style of Lairgue & Co., tinsmiths; Amedee Larriere, hotel keeper, St. Basil's le Grand, who owes \$14,000; demand of assignment has been made on H. Locas, storekeeper, Hartwell, who owes \$5,000; upon Freeman Hase, hotel keeper, Farnham, who owes \$7,000, and upon John W. Maher, storekeeper, Tadoussac.

HERE is a list of business difficulties, etc., in Montreal; a prominent retail clothier, Jas. M. Conroy, assigns, owing \$49,000. Too heavy expenses are alleged as one cause; Amedee Beaupre, retail grocer, assigns; F. C. Millar, tobacconist, is missing from his little shop; F. F. Moore & Co., coal dealers, assign, owing \$48,000; R. Maillet & Co., tailors, assign, owing \$3,500, and Joseph Gareau, another tailor, assigns, owing \$2,600; Joseph Dagenais, dry goods, who failed a year ago, has made an assignment, owing \$15,000, his stock was damaged by fire on the 12th instant.

AMONG the important industries of Galt are the Ontario Machine Works of Cant Brothers & Co., makers of wood-working machinery and iron tools. The concern has lately been incorporated in Ontario, and the firm is converted into a stock company, with an increased capital, under the title of The Cant Bros. Co. of Galt, Limited. "This," their circular says, "will enable us to increase our plant so as to produce a larger number of our various well-known machines, and also to construct new ones to meet the growing wants of trade. We shall also be enabled to undertake more extensive repairs of all kinds."

MONTREAL has suffered severely by the flames three times this week. After the fire in the extensive range of buildings owned by Mr. Angus, on Craig street, a block of factory buildings on the same street, towards the eastern end, was devastated. As in the former fire, the firemen worked under great disadvantages because of the severe cold and the deep snow, but they stuck to their work manfully. Sometimes men's clothes would be frozen hard to the ladders, and had to be thawed off. A steamer had to be kept there to thaw out the plugs, some of which were frozen. The two fires will cost the insurance companies something over \$100,000 probably.

—The steamer "Stanley," with mails from Prince Edward Island, was stuck in the ice off Pictou harbor for thirty-six hours, when the passengers and mails were landed on the ice and brought to Pictou.

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