

twelve and eighteen months without security. The liabilities of the Picton store, amounting to \$83,000, to be compromised at 50c. The liabilities of the Wellington store amounting to \$57,000, to be compromised at seventy-five cents, payable in six, twelve and eighteen months without security. This arrangement has been agreed to by the majority of his creditors, there are, however, one or two still holding out against it.

THE following "stand-and-deliver" letter was received on the 4th instant by a St. John firm; the plan of settlement proposed has certainly the merit of simplicity. "SIR,—I am selling off what little traps I have with the intention of leaving Muncton in a few days; and in order to do so honorably, I am going to divide what I have among my creditors. I am offering, (which is being accepted,) 10 p. c. on whole amount of bill, (cash) and you have one week to decide in.

Awaiting your reply,

I am yours, &c."

THE front walls of two brick buildings newly erected in St. John fell yesterday afternoon, carrying with them a portion of Messrs. J. & A. McMillan's warehouse. Some men were working on the building at the time, but escaped serious injury. Defective construction as to the "centre fastening" is named as the cause of the accident.

THE Grand Trunk traffic receipts for week ended 24th ult. showed \$20,281 increase; the Great Western, for week ending 23rd ult., \$13,712 increase; The Toronto Grey & Bruce, for week ending 1st inst., a decrease of \$1,361; The Toronto and Nipissing for week ending 21st ult., a decrease of \$4,701, as compared with the like periods of last year.

THE apple crop, says the St. Johns News, which was pretty plentiful in this section of the Township this year, is already nearly exhausted, a large part of the fruit having been bought and sent to the States, and some consignments sent to Britain, 154 brls. being shipped last week to Glasgow. Apples which two months ago could be had for \$2 per barrel, now readily fetch \$4.

THE Corporation of St. Johns, Que., has decided to assume the indebtedness of the fire department (about \$200) and also to provide a fire alarm for the town, which will cost some \$500 or \$600 more. This will secure four boxes and a new bell, and the alarm will be sounded simultaneously at the station and at the water works.

SOME further particulars are furnished as to the Canadian trophy at the Paris fair of 1878, which we have already mentioned, and of which an engraving appeared in a recent number, of our *Illustrated News*. It will prove one of the striking objects of the Exhibition. It is to be constructed principally of walnut and pine, and will have four stories, with three galleries, reaching eighty-five feet in height. The lower story will be filled with cases for small exhibits, and will be decorated with wild flowers. The first gallery will be occupied by goods, and is to contain among other things, cases filled with vials containing geological specimens and

samples of agricultural produce. The second gallery will be filled with lumbermen's tools, agricultural implements, &c. The third gallery will be adorned with a canoe suspended from its side, with fishing-nets, spears, tackle, cricket bats, lacrosse sticks, and other sporting implements. The roof will contain specimens of shingling and slating, while at the top of the tower, on each of the four sides, is the word "Canada." A circular staircase within the interior will lead to the different galleries. Its construction is already in progress.

A WRIT of attachment has been taken out against Munro and Bickerstaff, plumbers, Montreal, by the Union Stove Works; their liabilities are slight.

FARMERS' LOAN AND SAVINGS COMPANY.—The sixth yearly meeting of the company finds it occupying more roomy and better situated premises. The report, which we print elsewhere, indicates an increase of \$34,000 in deposits, an increase in the repayments of mortgages, and a marked decrease in loans on collaterals. The reserve fund has been raised to \$33,721, after paying an eight per cent. dividend. Expenses of management are less than even last year, although the business done has been larger. The President and Vice-President, viz.: Mr. Peleg Howland and Mr. James Crowther, were re-elected, and Mr. James Scott, one of our best merchants, was chosen a director. The company has evidently secured a steady and promising business.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

3.15 o'clock, Dec. 5, 1877.

Stocks.	Lowest Point in Week.	Highest Point in Week.	Total Transactions in Week.	Buyers.	Sellers.
Montreal.....	158	162½	1011	158	158½
Ontario	97½	97½	40	97	97½
Consolidated	77½	80½	466	77	77½
Peoples					
Molson		102	51	101½	102½
Toronto				140	142
Jacques Carlier		54	153	53½	54
Merchants	66	66½	784	66	66½
Commerce	119½	120	261	119½	120
Metropolitan					
Maritime					
Exchange					80
Hamilton					
Union					67
Montreal Telegraph	120	122½	2951	121	111½
Dominion Telegra. h					
Gas	149½	149½	134	149	149½
City Pass.		82½	25	75	82
R. C. Insurance.....	108	108½		108½	108½
Sterling Exchange	102½	102½		102½	102½
Gold	66½	68½	775	66½	67
Richieu & Ont. Nav					
Commerce & d		116	50	115	116½

FIRE RECORD.—St. John, N. B., Dec. 3rd.—A fire did considerable damage to McCaffery's boarding house, Dorchester Street this morning.

Halifax, Dec. 1st.—A fire destroyed the engine house and crusher at the Cariboo gold mines, Musquodoboit. Loss about \$2,000; not insured.

Mill Point, Dec. 1st.—The tin shop occupied by D. R. McRae was partly destroyed by fire. The stock is the property of McKelvy & Birch, Kingston, building owned by Rathburn & Son. Insured.

Brougham, Dec. 1st.—The outhouses of the Bennett Hotel, together with a horse, buggy, cutter and a quantity of hay were destroyed by fire; Loss \$1,000. Insured.

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