

We are not told how much below the cost of the genuine article is the imitation of prime buffalo skin made by Messrs. Newland & Co., of Galt, but it is doubtless sufficient to make the acquisition of a Saskatchewan buffalo robe a comparatively easy matter. The firm in question, under an American and Canadian patent, manufactures a heavy fur cloth which is said to make a "durable," "warm," and "handsome" robe which is an excellent counterfeit of the Simon-pure article. We notice in this connection that the well-known firm of W. H. Storey & Co., of Acton, has acquired the exclusive control of this novelty in buffalo robes for Canada, in itself an indorsement not to be lost sight of.

Mr. SPOONER, of Port Hope, is very proud of the testimony given by the Chief Engineer of the Toronto Water-Works to the merits of his copperine anti-friction box-metal for machinery bearings. This gentleman, after stating that copperine is used on the pump bearings, which have very heavy service; also on crank pins on the largest T.W.W. pumps, says, "it is giving us perfect satisfaction. I can cheerfully recommend it to anyone requiring first-class Babbitt-metal for any purpose whatever." As these are probably the largest engines in Canada, and the strain upon both main shafts and crank pins must be great, this testimony of Mr. Ferguson to the merits of the article is of value.

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W. DIETERLE, proprietor of the "Black Goods Store," Montreal, has been obliged to go under. The business was started only about three years ago, under the style of Row & Dieterle. A year ago the firm dissolved, Mr. Dieterle continuing alone, and being under the necessity of getting an extension, which, however, has not had the desired effect, and his assignment is now reported. The liabilities foot up to \$54,426, of which about one-half are due to one house. Assets are estimated at about \$32,000.

THE bustling little manufacturing town of Valleyfield, Que., furnishes almost more than its quota to the list of late failures. H. Larocque, proprietor of the leading hotel, and generally supposed prosperous, has assigned. — Lacasse & Co., dealers in paints, etc., have also failed. Joseph Lacasse failed only last spring, and resumed business under above style, using a friend's name; the latter has died, creating some complications, which are increased by the failure of O. Cossette, lumberman, recently noted, hence the assignment. — J. B. Caron, of the same town, furniture dealer, is offering his creditors 50 cents on the dollar; he owes \$5,314.

THE creditors of George Laing, a dry goods dealer in Bowmanville, have agreed to accept 90 cents on the dollar in settlement of claims amounting to \$10,800. The business will be closed out. — Since he bought out R. J. Y.

Ainslie in 1886, C. W. Scherer, a general dealer at Comber, Ont., was reported as doing a nice steady trade. He has now called his creditors together. — W. M. Hepburn, a dealer in boots and shoes at Guelph, left that place last week, and it is said does not intend to return. Creditors have taken possession of the stock, and will close out the business. He failed once before in 1887, when he obtained a settlement at 80 cents on the dollar.

THE wife of W. D. Madden, a Napanee bookseller, held a chattel mortgage against the merchandise in store. She has foreclosed, and is selling off the stock. — Getting behind with his payments, D. W. Wright, a grocer at Madoc, will likely be compelled to seek the indulgence of his creditors, to whom he owes about \$1,400. He shows assets of \$2,800.

An old-established cigar manufactory in Hamilton is that of F. J. Schrader. In July last his banker pressed him, and several judgments have been executed. Now the bailiff is in possession. — A meeting of the creditors of H. C. Montgomery & Bro., tailors, in Brantford, was called for the 5th. This firm assigned in 1887, and settled at 65 cents spread over twenty-four months. Their inability to carry out this arrangement is doubtless the cause of their present trouble.

TERRA cotta brick and ornaments, are now getting to be much used in building, especially of a decorative kind. From some terra cotta clays, bricks, tiles, etc., can be made which possess the desirable qualities of resistance to pressure, weight-bearing strength, and the further advantage for ornamental work of a fine color. These desired characteristics have, according to various certificates from architects and builders, been found to exist in a marked degree in brick and tiles made from clay on the Morse location in Halton county by the Ontario Terra Cotta Brick and Sewer Pipe Company. The color of the brick and its texture are both excellent. This company has upon its provisional board E. A. Meredith, LL.D.; Mr. Lionel Yorke, Mr. Henry Butwell, Mr. John Dixon, and Mr. G. H. Dunstan. An additional feature in the business of this company is the manufacture of mineral paint from the vari-colored clays on this location. We trust that the growth and value of this industry may prove to its shareholders equal to that which Silas Lapham, in Howells' entertaining novel of that name, found in the mineral paint deposit on his father's place—but without the mental and material difficulties which beset the worthy Silas.

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