

A SPECIAL cable confirms the report that a conference on colonial trade will be held in Canada next June.

THE Ontario Furniture Manufacturing Association held their regular meeting at Stratford on the 12th inst.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway's telegraph have opened offices at St. Gregoire, St. Angèle, Rougemont, St. Damase and St. Hyacinthe in the Province of Quebec, and at Mulgrave, Nova Scotia.

MESSRS. MENZIE, TURNER & Co. have taken over the business of A. R. McKinlay & Co., who for some time have made window shades in Toronto. The new proprietors express it as their intention "to carry on the business on the old lines."

THE Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Co., of Waterloo, offered \$23,300 for the issue of \$22,000 of 5% debentures town of Berlin, payable in 30 equal annual instalments. The offer was accepted. This equals \$105.90.

A DELEGATION from Rimouski have asked the Dominion Cabinet that the harbor at Rimouski be improved so that ships could be loaded from the Intercolonial Railway wharf. Among the delegates were Messrs. Asselin, Drapeau, Pombot, Cote and Gobeil.

THE stock of Sutherland Bros. at Newmarket was purchased by Danford, Roche & Co. for 51 per cent.—At Norwood the general stock of J. W. Clark brought 46 per cent.—Wm. Willard's general stock at Port Perry realized 64 per cent.

THE mortgagee is in possession of the stationery stock of J. Johnson & Co. at Victoria, B.C., who assigned last week.—At Waneta, B.C., near the boundary line, Keith, of Beebe & Keith, general storekeepers, is reported away. It is feared that he was implicated in a post office robbery in that place.

Mrs. J. HAMILTON, who keeps a general store at Clifford, is the wife of Geo. K. Hamilton, who moved thither from Fordwich in 1879. In the following year he failed, with liabilities of \$5,000, which was compromised at 60 per cent. In 1891 he sold his stock and went to Manitoba. About nine months ago she opened a general store at Clifford and now assigns. —About two years ago J. M. Skelton started a general store at Grand Valley, Ont., putting \$900 into the business, and now assigns to his principal creditor.

COMPROMISE is offered by Marcotte Bros., trade auctioneers of Montreal, whose assignment was lately reported by us, at the rate of 25 cents on the dollar; 15 cents payable in six months, and 10 cents in twelve months, secured. They owe \$20,000 or more.

A PACIFIC coast exchange states that Mr. Chas. H. Slater, manager of the Bank of British Columbia in Kamloops, has received a dispatch announcing the death, in London, Eng., on Dec. 7th, of Mr. Hugh Hughes, general manager of the Bank of British Columbia.

OWING to dulness in the building trade and some poor investments in real estate, the roofing firm of George Duthie & Sons, of Toronto, have been obliged to assign. It will be remembered that the senior member of the firm, which had been successful up to that time, retired in 1888, and the business has since been continued by his two sons.

THE suspension is announced of a small jobbing house in the Montreal dry goods trade, Messrs. Isidore Thibaudau & Co., having called a meeting of their creditors, at which they made a proposition to pay 40 cents on the dollar, cash. It is expected the offer will carry, those at the meeting being favorable thereto, it is understood, and there are comparatively few creditors. The direct liabilities are stated at about \$32,000.

THE Government inspector of boilers and machinery of steamboats for the Montreal district, in his annual report, says that during the year 164 vessels, with a tonnage of 35,656 tons, were inspected, the revenue therefrom being \$3,633. This is an increase of \$1,241 in revenue as compared with the year 1891. The vessels added to this district during the past year were 19, including four passenger boats, 12 tugs and three yachts. Eight vessels were laid up during the year.

IN 1890 M. G. Connor started a furniture store in Edmonton, Alberta, doing a large trade. But he evidently got his assets locked up, and after several judgments and executions had been obtained against him, he assigned. —E. Nevison has been several years harness making at Regina, Assa., but barely made a living, and being sued now assigns. —In the latter part of 1891 John W. Silverthorne forsook his farm and opened a general store at Olds. In May he claimed a surplus of \$2,300, but unfortunately it was principally composed

of stock in real estate. Recently he gave a chattel mortgage, and now we hear of his assignment.

At the village of Wotton, in the county of Wolfe, Quebec, Arsene Crepeau, a general dealer, has been served with demands in insolvency by two creditors. He has been in business some years, but a weakness in habits has hindered his success. He got a general extension in 1888. Present liabilities are \$4,180.—H. Duverger & Co., a shoe concern, at Joliette, have assigned; liabilities, \$1,200.—A. Martinette, a tinsmith, etc., of St. George de la Beauce, has written his creditors offering 40 cents, cash, on an indebtedness of about \$2,000. He has been somewhat negligent of business, and has also lost some money on a contract.

SEVERAL of the older generation of Montreal's business men have succumbed to illness of late. Mr. William McDougall, formerly of the firm George Winks & Co., dry goods importers, died on Sunday. Mr. James Whyte was laid to rest on Monday. The death of Mr. Henry Morgan, of the well known retail stores, took place last week. His sons succeeded to the business. And now we learn that Mr. John McLennan, an important and a familiar figure in Montreal commercial circles for more than forty years, but who had been living a retired life of late at Glengarry, died on Monday, at the Windsor Hotel, of heart trouble.

A COMPROMISE has been effected by J. Fyfe, dry goods dealer, at Barrie, in which he has to pay 65 per cent. secured on liabilities of \$20,000. It will be remembered that he assigned a couple of weeks ago.—Robt. J. McKie succeeded his brother as a grocer at Simcoe, early in 1891. The purchase amounted to \$1,700; half this sum was paid in cash. Since then he has barely made a living, although his brother did a successful trade. Robert has made an assignment and the stock will be sold to-day.—In Sept. last, J. W. Ross left Cobocoonk and opened a general store at Sundridge, with a stock of \$1,500, which he began selling at low prices for cash. He also had a branch store at Chatsworth. About the first of this month a fire occurred in his headquarters, and now he assigns.

A COMPROMISE has been effected by Ellis & Keighley, dealers in spice, etc., at 35 per cent. on liabilities of \$14,000. To meet this they

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