

THE merchants of Niagara, Ont., have formed a Board of Trade.

At a meeting of creditors of E. J. Thompson & Co., held in Mr. Lamb's office in Hamilton on Thursday last; the debtors, having no offer to make, the assignee was instructed to dispose of the assets by auction *en bloc*.

A LETTER from Barrie to this journal, dated Monday last, says the weather is lovely, but the lumbermen are very anxious because of the lack of sufficient water in the small streams to enable them to get out their logs. The recent rain will, however, help them not a little.

HON. EUGENE CHINIC, for many years head of the firm, Chinic and Baudet, wholesale merchants, Quebec, died in that city on Saturday last, aged 71 years. Mr. Chinic was a senator of Canada, a director of the Quebec Fire insurance Company and of La Banque Nationale.

AN assignment has been made by Halsey Park, watchmaker and jeweller, Hamilton, to F. H. Lamb, assignee. A meeting is called for 9th instant. Mr. P. recently moved to more extensive and expensive premises which the business he was doing did not afford. His assets and liabilities are not yet ascertained.

THAT unsightly landmark and the land it occupies on the corner of Victoria and Adelaide sts. in this city have been acquired by the Freehold Loan and Savings Company, and will shortly give place to a new building which will, it is said, rank with the finest in Toronto, and be in keeping with the solidity of the company which will occupy it.

THE condition of the oatmeal business in the United States seems to be not unlike that here in Canada. The Oatmeal Trust has been disbanded, it having been found that too many new mills were being started, and the expense to the Trust of paying them all to keep idle proved too great. It is rumored that there will be a great oatmeal war as soon as the idle mills resume operations.

AFTER his failure in 1887, the wife of T. P. Sanders, a tailor in Belleville, continued to be the nominal proprietor of the business. A second assignment has just been made.—The latest phase of the business troubles of Christie, Kerr & Co., which have attracted the attention of the lumber trade here, is an assignment just announced.—Gavin McMurchy, an Owen Sound grocer, and D. Strachan, general dealer at Ravenna, have also assigned.—

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The stock of W. B. Walker, jeweller, St. Thomas, has been seized under power of a landlord's warrant.

A DISSOLUTION of partnership of the general store firm of McLennan & Nelson, at Treherne, Man., has been followed by the sale of the stock at 52 cents in the dollar.

CARLETON, N. B., demands as the price of her union with St. John that the ferry running across the harbor shall be free, or failing this, that a bridge be constructed to be open free of toll to all passengers.

AN agreement by Toronto wholesale grocers to close their warehouses every evening at five o'clock (Saturday excepted) during the months of May, June, July, and August, has been signed by the following firms: Davidson & Hay, T. Kinnear & Co., Sloan & Crowther, J. W. Lang & Co., Warren Bros. & Boomer, Perkins, Ince & Co., Eckardt, Kyle & Co., Smith & Keighley, Eby, Blain & Co.

THE proprietor of the Goderich salt works pleaded guilty last week to the charge made against him of packing and selling barrels of salt which did not contain the Government standard weight of 280 pounds. It was shown on evidence that some of the barrels were from 15 to 60 pounds short. A fine of \$10 and costs was imposed, the accused promising to have the consignment, about 500 barrels, repacked so as to comply with the law.

ALTHOUGH already occupying spacious premises on Front street east, in this city, the Steele Bros. Co., limited, find that all the available room there is required for their large and increasing wholesale trade. This week the company acquired the lease of the building, 130 and 132 King street east, where the Hughes and the Petley for years conducted their dry goods business. Here the retail seed branch will in future be found, under the management of Mr. Maroon. Extensive alterations are now in progress which, when completed, will give the company extensive and much-needed accommodation.

If reports are correct, there was much dissatisfaction manifested by credit rs at the meeting recently called together by J. Wagner & Co, tanners, of Galt, and we cannot wonder at it. First, there was the firm's statement of December, when a surplus of \$15,000 was shown. To-day the figures are said to be—assets \$13,000, and liabilities \$11,800. Then the firm's books have been most unsystematically kept—or rather not kept, for we are told that no transactions have been recorded since last year. The meeting adjourned until to-day.

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and in the meantime Mr. Wagner was advised to submit an offer of 50 cents on the dollar, instead of 40 cents already tendered.

THE Union Act combining the two cities of St. John and Portland goes into operation on the 18th inst., up to which date each city will administer its own affairs. After that date two aldermen from each Portland ward enter the St. John Council, which body carries on the business of the united city until the 4th of June, when a general election for aldermen takes place.

DARTMOUTH, N. S., may be safely put down as a non-progressive town, for after getting legislation to provide water and sewerage at small cost, a majority of the ratepayers at a recent meeting refused to go forward with the scheme, so the project is "hung up" for a year. It is asserted that a large majority of the citizens are in favor of the scheme, but a snap vote was secured against the improvements suggested.

THE contractors for the Halifax dry-dock, now approaching completion, claim that the dock works are free from city taxation not only for five years after completion, but also during construction. The whole dispute hangs on the punctuation of one sentence, as to whether a comma is rightly placed or not. As the document stands the city has the best chance of success should litigation be resorted to to settle the dispute.

MR. JOHN D. MACLEAN, president of the Bank of Nova Scotia and one of the prominent mercantile men of the Maritime Provinces, died in Halifax last week. Mr. Maclean was not only widely known as an upright man of business but also as prominent in religious, charitable, and philanthropic circles. He was a leader for many years in Y.M.C.A. work, and was especially friendly to young men beginning business life. Mr. Maclean carried his religion into his business, in so far as fair and upright dealing was concerned, and the best evidence of the esteem in which he was held by his fellow-citizens was afforded by his funeral, which was attended by several hundreds of the business men of Halifax of every creed and class. Such men are comparatively rare, and their example is to be commended to young business men beginning commercial life.

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