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Begg respectfully to inform his customers that in consequence of

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His office in connection with his

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Retail Warerooms,

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and that he will rebuild the factory without delay.

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BALANCE OF
WINTER STOCKNow forward, completing Importations for this year.
Special attention is directed to

20,000 LINEN GRAIN BAGS,

ALSO,

3,000 PAIRS SHANTY BLANKETS

EXTRA GOOD VALUE.

MAGEE & RUSSELL,

OTTAWA.

Ottawa, November, 1872.

paid to creditors was as follows:—Not exceeding 1s., 186; exceeding 1s. and not exceeding 2s. 6d., 464; exceeding 2s. 6d. and not exceeding 5s., 702; exceeding 5s. and not exceeding 7s. 6d., 323; exceeding 7s. 6d. and not exceeding 10s., 313; exceeding 10s. and not exceeding 15s., 116; exceeding 15s. and under 20s., 11; at 20s., 55. The following, as given in the reports of the Comptroller, are summaries of the liabilities and assets in bankruptcies, liquidations by arrangement, and compositions with creditors, for each of the years 1871 and 1870:—

	1871.	Total Liabilities.	Total Assets.
Bankruptcies	£3,974,767	£554,770	
Liquidations by arrangement ..	5,549,892	2,454,310	
Compositions with creditors....	3,634,200	1,198,707	
Total.....	£14,158,859	£4,207,787	
	1870.		
Bankruptcies	£7,932,520	£1,965,589	
Liquidations by arrangement ..	6,230,287	2,235,191	
Compositions with creditors....	3,293,622	1,180,753	
Total.....	£17,456,419	£3,381,533	

OIL MATTERS IN PETROLIA.

(From our own Correspondent.)

PETROLIA, Dec. 7, 1872. The Sawyer well struck on lot 10, con. 12, Enniskillen, is the only strike of any account this week, it started off at 250 brls per day and was stopped for want of tankage. Lawson & Grange have struck a small well near the Shoemaker territory. Many wells are being tested and torpedoed but as yet no satisfactory result. The production about the same, say 6,000 to 7,000 barrels per week. Shipments as follows: From Nov. 22nd to 28th inclusive:—Crude 9,069 brls, refined 621 brls, distillate 1,680 brls. Total from July 1st to Nov. 29th: Crude 176,775 brls, refined 4,291 brls, distillate 26,247 brls.

Business generally good, developments about the same. Crude \$1.92 per brl, refined 32½ to 35c according to quantity, London delivery; 10 to 12c per brl more on tanked crude oil.

Insurance.

FIRE RECORD.—Welland Nov. 30.—A fire broke out here, completely destroying the planing mills and sash factory owned by Mr. Fanwicks, supposed to have originated from a stove in the mill. The loss is about \$2,000; no insurance.

Beaverton, Dec. 2.—A fire broke out in the store of B. G. Jeffers. It had made such headway before it was discovered that it was impossible to save books, stock, or personal property. In less than an hour the building and contents were totally consumed. The property of the Dominion Telegraph Company office was a total loss. The loss on stock and building is \$4,500; insured in the Liverpool, London and Globe for \$2,500. Loss on personal property and books \$1,500; no insurance. Cause of the fire unknown. The store of J. Anderson narrowly escaped. The stock was damaged in removing, and the loss is over \$700; partially insured.

Brantford, Nov. 20.—Mr. J. E. Weir's grocery store caught fire and was seriously damaged; insured in the Liverpool, London and Globe for \$2,500 which will more than cover the loss; the stock of Tapscott and Craig, druggists (next door), was also damaged, insured in the Hartford for \$3,000. Henry Wade, owner of the building, is in the Imperial Insurance Company for \$1,000, fully covered. W. D. Cantillon is in the Hartford and Citizens' Insurance Companies: his loss by goods damaged by water is about \$300.

Toronto Nov. 28.—A fire caught in the chignon factory of Jno. Douglas, on King-street but was extinguished with a loss of \$200; covered by insurance in the Queen City Fire Insurance company.

Trenton, Nov. 21.—A fire broke out in the old frame shop, belonging to W. H. Austin, and occupied by J. Brown as a boot and shoe store. The flames spread quickly to a store-house adjoining, also the property of W. H. Austin, but by the exertions of the people, the fire was confined to the two places, both of which were totally destroyed. There was no insurance. Mr. Brown saved most of his stock.

Millbrook, Nov. 25.—The extensive foundry and machine shop belonging to Geo. Fair & Co. was seriously damaged by fire. All the best parts of the building and the heavy machinery were destroyed. There is no insurance. The total loss is estimated at about \$7,000.

—Another branch of the Wellington, Grey & Bruce Railway is talked of to run from Clifford to Durham. The Company will build the branch if the three townships of Bentinck, Glenelg and Normanby and the village of Durham will give an aggregate bonus of \$80,000. By-laws have been submitted in each case to be voted on at different dates, from the 6th to 11th of December instant. Should these by-laws be carried, this branch will soon be an accomplished fact.

—Mr. Robert Thomson, brother of the late Andrew Thomson of Beleville has been appointed to the agency of the Merchants Bank in that town in room of his deceased brother. Mr. Donald Fraser takes the Kingston agency of the same bank, vacated by the resignation of Mr. J. G. Macdonald, who has been appointed Secretary of the London and Canadian Loan and Agency Company of Toronto.

—The only linseed oil mill now in Ontario is situated in Baden; it has recently gone into operation, and up to this time 500 barrels of oil and 250 tons of oil cake have been produced of which 100 tons were shipped to Liverpool.

—The by-law granting a sum of \$20,000 for the building of permanent docks at the Goderich harbor has been carried in that town.

this amount will probably be swelled either by a compromise or realization in insolvency to \$10,000 or \$12,000. Looking at the small capital originally put into this business and the result just shown, which is only one out of many scores of the same class that are constantly occurring, it seems hardly fair to blame the debtor more than the creditors. It is perfectly hopeless to expect the number of these cases to be lessened so long as goods are trusted out with such a disregard of financial responsibility.

An English Blue Book gives full statistics showing the working of the new bankruptcy law. From this source we learn that there were 1,238 bankrupt cases adjudicated upon, and of them 1,043 were traders; 54 discharges were granted and only one withheld. This latter fact is an interesting commentary on the working of the law. Forty per cent of the cases closed (232 in all) paid no dividend at all. According to the bankrupts' statements, their liabilities in 784 bankruptcies amounted to 2,522,123l.; and in 454 cases in which no statements were filed they were estimated at 1,452,644l. In the former category the assets were estimated by the trustees at 351,827l.; and in the latter at 202,943l. The rates of dividend on the 139 estates closed during the year, after payment of dividend, were as follows:—Not exceeding 1s., 25; exceeding 1s. and not exceeding 2s. 6d., 35; exceeding 2s. 6d. and not exceeding 5s., 37; exceeding 5s. and not exceeding 7s. 6d., 11; exceeding 7s. 6d. and not 10s., 19; exceeding 10s. and not exceeding 15s., 6; exceeding 15s. and under 20s., 3; at 20s., 3. The number of compositions with the rates