

MESSERS. DECEW & COLLIER, of Essex Centre, lately purchased from the Canada Company a block of 5,000 acres of timber lying in the townships of Colchester North and South, which is covered with elm, cottonwood, oak, ash, sycamore, and maple, and are arranging with the L. E., E. & D. R. R. for a four-mile spur to run through the centre of the block.

In Fredericton, New Brunswick, the Canada Temperance Act was put in force against hotel-keepers, and one of them is in prison for third offences against the Act, and another has left the limits to avoid a like punishment. As a consequence, the Queen's Hotel and the Barker House in that city, leading hosteleries, are both closed to the public.

A TELEGRAM of Friday last from Saskatoon, N. W. T., says that "an engine of the Qu'Appelle and Long Lake Railway was seen from Saskatoon for the first time yesterday. The event was celebrated by a torchlight procession and other demonstrations of satisfaction last night." Grading operations on this road are being vigorously pushed between Saskatoon and Prince Albert.

THE Wool Combing Works of Bremen, Germany, have declared a dividend of twenty-five per cent. for the last fiscal year. No less than 22,300,000 kilos (a kilogramme is 2 1-5 lbs.) of wool were handled at the works during 1889, so that all departments were fully busy. Besides the dividend paid, about one-half million marks (a mark, about thirty cents) were written off to the various reserve funds and to the workmen insurance fund.

A MEETING was held on 13th instant of the creditors of James Deans, retail merchant, of Dundalk, Ont., when the assignee, Mr. F. H. Lamb, of Hamilton, was directed to realize the estate. There are preferred liabilities amounting to \$663, and ordinary liabilities of \$5,363. The assets consist of stock, as per list, \$3,891; real estate, \$150; and book accounts at face value, \$200. Total assets thus \$4,241. No offer of composition was made by the debtor.

HER Majesty the Queen is the largest holder of copyrights in the United Kingdom. We do not refer to the Holy Scriptures, or the Book of Common Prayer, which can only be printed *cum privilegio*, but to the official publications, such as the statutes, blue-books, consular reports, ordnance maps, &c., that are designated Government publications. Notice was given some time since that Her Majesty intended to stand upon her rights, and insist at least that

the literary pillagers should ask permission. Since then the whole bulk of the Government copyrights have been transferred to the Controller of the Stationery Office, and it is satisfactory to learn on his authority that the step has not led to any curtailment of reasonable privileges.

ANOTHER big bucket-shop in New York has been closed. On Tuesday last the "Public Grain and Stock Exchange," Chas. H. Platt, president, which occupied the seventh floor of the Welles Building on Broadway, was attached under a writ for \$30,000 in favor of J. F. Dee, of Owego. This place is one of the big bucket-shops, like Doran & Wrights, which failed the other day, owing over \$300,000 with almost no assets. The officers profess that this claim of Dee's will be settled in a day or two, and that they will go on.

SAYS the *Textile Record*, the Eyelet Button-Hole Attachment Company, of Boston, has placed upon the market a new invention which will interest the knit-goods trade at sight. It consists of a button-hole attachment for sewing-machines, which can be slid on or off the machine as occasion requires, and will make perfect button-holes, with eyelet ends, on any kind of material, from silk to the heaviest woollen. This little marvel retails for only six dollars, and practically does as good work as the large manufacturing concerns get done.

MR. JAMES F. D. BLACK, who died on Friday last, had been for twenty-five years city treasurer of Montreal. He was an eminently satisfactory official and a much respected citizen. Born in Chambly, Quebec, in 1822, and educated in Montreal, he went when a young man to Kingston and afterwards to Brockville, where he was engaged in mercantile life, becoming partner afterward in the forwarding firm of Black & Bonner. He removed in 1859 to Montreal. We believe, too, that he was the predecessor of Mr. R. A. Smith as manager of the Allan Line steamships.

FOR some twenty odd years in business at St. Dominique, Que., Victor Vachon was supposed to be in good financial shape, and has surprised his creditors by asking them to accept 55 cents on the dollar. He owes between \$10,000 and \$11,000, with assets about nominally the same.—V. T. Dorais, of St. Valentin, Que., is reported in financial embarrassment. He is stated to owe about \$3,000, while assets are only \$740.—Domina Robert, a general dealer at St. Jacques le Mineur, Que., has assigned, with liabilities of \$3,378. He

failed three years ago or more and offered 30 cents in the dollar, but finding creditors not favorably disposed, subsequently arranged to pay 100 cents with help from relatives.

S. GAUTHIER, a Montreal dry goods man, has assigned, owing about \$10,000. He was in difficulties in 1885, and compromised them at 80 cents on the dollar.—L. J. Lefavre & Co., grocers, Montreal, are offering 50 cents on the dollar; liabilities are some \$2,000. The same man failed before in 1888, when the firm was Lefavre & Laberge.—Hyman Berco-vitch, who began business in Montreal several years ago as a second-hand dealer, gradually developing into a clothier, has assigned at the request of Messrs. Burnett & Co. Liabilities are put at \$3,249.

A PROMINENT dry goods dealer at Montreal, Oscar Beauchamp, at the East End, is in difficulties. A meeting of his creditors was held last Saturday, at which he proposed an extension of time, but has since amended his offer to a compromise one of 65 cents on the dollar, spread over twelve months. A demand of assignment has since been made upon him. The liabilities are stated at \$25,000 to \$30,000, and he claims to have a nominal surplus of \$8,000 to \$10,000. Mr. Beauchamp was formerly of Beauchamp & Betourney, who failed in the fall of '88.

THE circular of the new firm of Mollison, Brothers & Co., St. John, N.B., has been sent to us, announcing their opening on 1st May. We infer, although their circular does not say so, that they will do a dry goods business. Mr. W. K. Mollison has been for twenty-four years with the well-known wholesale dry goods house of Daniel & Boyd, and his brother has had a long connection with Toronto dry goods houses. They profess their intention to "inaugurate a system of close profits, which, together with small expenses, will enable us to compete favorably with the severest competition. All our attention will be devoted exclusively to the wholesale trade."

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