

The Leading Wholesale Trade of Toronto.

[LETTER.]

TORONTO, Feb. 29, 1876.

Mr. WILLIAM IRWIN,
Rosemont,

DEAR SIR: Application was recently made to us by the Association of Grangers of which you are Secretary, with reference to opening an account with us. The writer expressed his doubt at the time as to the policy of such transaction on our part; and on further consideration have to inform you that we cannot, in the interest of our customers, entertain the proposal made.

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posed of Mr. Wey, the senior partner in the old firm, James R. Baker, formerly associated with a leading Montreal house, and Mr. J. D. Allan, who has been engaged in trade in the Western part of Ontario on his own account.

A MONTREAL firm of Official Assignees in a report to the Parliamentary Committee upon the depression of trade shows that one hundred and thirty-five insolvent estates passed through their hands since 1st January, 1875, whose debts amounted to four million and a quarter of dollars; of this amount the creditors realized about thirty-seven and a half per cent. The report expresses the opinion, in which most thinking men will agree, that if fewer compromises were accepted, we would have less failures.

Mr. W. E. TUNIS, News agent, died some days ago in Detroit. Fifteen or twenty years ago, there were few travellers in Ontario, scarcely any upon the Railways then existing who were not familiar with, at least, the name of the energetic publisher of Railway literature at Niagara Falls. He began upon our Railways the system of supplying reading matter through carriers upon the cars, which has since been carried on by the Messrs. Chisholms and others. His success does not seem, however, to have been such as was expected from his persistency and his shrewd knowledge of the field.

At a meeting of the creditors of Messrs. Lockhart & Haldane, wholesale dry goods merchants, in Toronto, a statement was submitted to the creditors showing liabilities amounting to \$166,797, and assets of \$143,000. An offer of forty-two cents was made by Mr. Lockhart. His partner, being more sanguine, outbid him two cents. Considering that it is only a few months since the firm were willing to pay in full, by getting an extension covering a period

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of eighteen months, the proposition they now individually make, we think, was justly rejected. The stock will now be offered at auction.

A TEDIOUS examination which has occupied the Water Committee of the Montreal City Council, and has burdened the newspapers of that city for weeks, concerning certain charges made by one Mitchell against Mr. McDougall of the Caledonian Foundry, of using a false gauge to test the strength of iron, and of stamping metals with a better brand than their quality justified, has resulted in the unanimous resolution of the committee that the charges are unfounded.

REPORTS most favourable to the illuminative power of gas made from crude Petroleum, have been made by Toronto and Montreal professors of chemistry; but Dundas has gone a step beyond the theories and tests of these gentlemen. Last month the town was lighted with that article with great satisfaction to all concerned. The gas is said to be pure, and capable of being produced more easily and cheaply than from coal.

THE following assignments have taken place within the past week: Toronto—David Hewit, hardware merchant; John McCarter, butcher. Hamilton—Mrs. Ozanne, milliner. Kemptville—H. Harris, wood dealer. Milton—W. D. Lyon. Montreal—W. H. Lulham, jeweller; Messrs. Houle & Co., contractors. Halifax—J. C. Russel, fish dealer. St. John—John F. Goodwin, produce merchant. Little Glace Bay—Messrs. E. D. Rigby & Co., commission merchants.

SEVERAL Ottawa lumber merchants gave evidence before the Industrial Depression Committee at Ottawa upon the condition and prospects of that trade. Mr. Booth stated that the

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average capital employed by each lumber producing concern was from \$1,000,000 to \$1,800,000, and the average hands employed about six hundred for each firm, or ten thousand men altogether.

Z. AUERBACH, a jew, who has been for some years in business in Montreal and who was arrested in January last at the instigation of one Radell, a clerk of his, on a charge of attempting to defraud his creditors, has succeeded in clearing himself of the accusation. In our previous reference to this case we expressed our doubt upon the truthfulness of Radell's evidence.

THERE are occasionally very odd applications to the House of Commons, but we have seldom seen anything so curious as the following: "Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Parliament of Canada, at its next session, for an Act to incorporate the 'General Expenditure Assurance Company of Canada,' for the purpose of assuring the return of all money expended from day to day, for the various necessities of life, and for other purposes.—W. H. Tuck, Solicitor for applicants. St. John, N.B., 14th January, 1876." A great many people would be glad to have the money expended from day to day for household purposes returned to them. And if this company can do it, without charging too much for the service, they will have plenty of customers.

POSTAL matters between Halifax and Toronto seem to be wretchedly conducted. A letter bag containing valuable enclosures was allowed to lie in the Halifax Office in an old valise from the 12th of January until the 20th of February when it turned up and was forwarded to its destination. Several registered letters were in the mail and its turning up was a great relief to the senders. Persons in Halifax say there have been so many miscarriages in the mails lately that they are