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SEVERAL improvements have been made this year at Point Iroquois, Ont. There is a large new lock, 45 ft. wide and 800 ft. long, with a large water-power in connection, which it is expected will be used as motive power for several factories. Waterworks and electric light systems have been installed and permanent sidewalks laid and a syndicate has recently been formed to build a large summer hotel.

GEO. W. BISSELL, a prominent Detroit lumberman and capitalist, was injured in an accident and died last week. He was among the first to build the large steel boats now used in the ore trade. In years gone by, he shipped a number of cargoes of grain or timber direct to Liverpool. He had lost three distinct fortunes during his career by wrecks, fires and other adversities, but was still a very wealthy man.

At a meeting of creditors of D. S. Vincent, grocer, etc., of Emsdale, in the province of Ontario, held last week, the following statement of affairs was presented: Assets, \$6,000, consisting of stock of goods, \$5,500, and book debts, \$500; liabilities per list, \$3,600, leaving a nominal surplus of \$2,400. The debtor's brother, E. J. Vincent, of Parry Sound, offered to deposit with the assignee, F. H. Lamb, a sum sufficient to pay creditors 75 per cent. in cash, provided they discharge D. S. Vincent, otherwise the latter will have to assign as there are several judgments against him, and he will not in any case continue in business. Those present at the meeting, representing about \$2,200 in claims, accepted the offer, and we should think it likely that all will do so.

THE following patents have been issued to Canadians in this country and the United States during the week. Canada.—77,216, cultivators, William McCloskey; 77,231, closures or retorts, James M. K. Letson and F. W. Burpee; 77,240, sliding doors, V. E. Traversy and L. Boire; 77,231, closures for retorts, Jas. M. K. Shortill; 77,259, pipe couplings, E. R. Vadeboncoeur; 77,264, leg sprunkers for horses, Stewart Goddard; 77,258, furniture or cabinet drawers, C. Kru.; 77,270, machine for securing honey-comb foundations in sections, Wm. Martin; 77,276, railway signals, Brice W. McDowell. United States.—708,059, feeding mechanism for presses for plastic material, John R. Masecar and Thomas Bevington; 708,080, revolving electric igniter, Anson G. Ronan; 708,207, vehicle body raiser, Jas. E. Cryderman; 708,217, water heating furnace, Hugh A. Fraser; 708,304, breech-loading firearm, Joseph Bincette; 708,320, harvester-binder, John A. Cowan; 708,338, washing machine, Paul H. Gendron; 708,413, extension ladder, Wm. H. Sibley; 708,458, spinning head, Frank A. Breeze; 708,475, roller bearing, Albert E. Henderson; 708,503, cooking or heating oil stove, Marie L. Stone.

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