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GERMANY.**

MESSRS. HICKS BROS., hotel keepers, Owen Sound, whose assignment we noticed last week, owe something over \$3,500, while the assets are estimated at only \$1,785, and have been sold to pay taxes, rent, and a chattel mortgage. It is stated that unsecured creditors will get nothing. G. J. Hicks is reported to have realized lately from the sale of property in Manitoba and elsewhere. The other partner, E. J. Hicks, was formerly in business in Stratford and Mitchell, and is said to have failed once before; the main cause of his non-success is understood to be the too liberal patronage of the bar. The firm commenced business in January, 1880, with a cash capital of about \$1,300.

IN NEW YORK STATE the bills prohibiting the coloring of oleomargarine, butterine, and adulterated cheese, and regulating the manufacture and sale of these articles, have become laws. If these laws are enforced, the downfall of bogus butter manufacture in New York is assured, for when the real character of the stuff can be determined at sight, no one will buy it. It is consumed only as butter, and when its disguise is removed people will stop eating it.

AN examination of tobacco has been made by the commissioners of English revenue at their laboratory, and of "148 samples examined during the year fifty-three proved to be adulterated. Nearly all the adulterated samples consisted of smuggled Cavendish, illegally imported American packet tobaccos, or of foreign cigarettes which contained prohibited ingredients. With one small exception, there was no evidence of adulteration in the tobacco manufactories inspected. The consumption of tobacco is not equal to what it was in 1877, before the addition of the duty; it is at present barely keeping pace with the increase of population."

THE Stormont Cotton Co. of Cornwall declared the usual half-yearly dividend of 5 per cent. at the meeting of Directors on Tuesday last, payable on 15th July next. The

Leading Wholesale Trade of Montreal.

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MONTREAL.****WHOLESALE**

**Largest assortment and greatest variety of NEWEST STYLES
selected from the markets of London and Paris
for Spring of 1882.**

**WAREHOUSE, { 517, 519, 521, 523, } MONTREAL.
ST. PAUL STREET.**

Hudson Cotton Co. has also declared a dividend of 5 per cent. for the half-year, payable on the 1st July.

L. P. A. GAREAU, dealer in ready-made clothing, this city, and who has a retail store also in Winnipeg, has failed, with liabilities amounting to about \$23,000. He shows a deficiency of about \$4,000, and is offering 50c. on the dollar cash, which will probably be accepted, the creditors being chiefly if not altogether in Montreal. Gareau was considered worth considerable at one time, but retiring from business eight or ten years ago he commenced speculating in lands and lost nearly all his capital; he started again on St. Joseph st. about two years ago, but has been unsuccessful, probably through attempting too much.

THE new wholesale grocery firm of Turner, Rose & Co., whose announcement will be found at the head of our "commercial summary," begins business under favorable auspices. One of the chief difficulties in the way of success with some of the new firms established in Montreal of late years has been want of sufficient capital, compelling them to do a hand-to-mouth business which could not be profitable either to their customers or themselves. Messrs. Turner, Rose & Co. have ample capital, and while possessing the energies of young merchants are not lacking in that knowledge and experience of the business without which the two former do not always ensure success. The new firm are on Hospital and St. John streets, in the premises formerly occupied by Buchanan Leckie & Co., lately Leckie, Mathews & Co.

MESSRS. McPHEE BROS., general storekeepers at Palmer's Rapids, Ont., are endeavoring to make an assignment, but the creditors refuse the proposition on the ground that the firm

have allowed a preferred creditor to get judgment, and after the sale of the stock, etc., to be held on the 16th inst., there will be nothing left for outsiders. Their liabilities amount to \$4,700, with nominal assets of \$2,900, in stock and book-debts, cattle, and lumber property. The firm have been in business eight or ten years, keeping the only general store in the place, but they probably could not do enough business to support two families, as one of the brothers has been engaged in lumbering operations for a considerable time.

THE Bank of British North America has declared a dividend for the current six months at the rate of six per cent per annum.

THE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS BANK.—The report of the Eastern Townships Bank, which will be found elsewhere, affords evidence that the Townships are sharing in the general prosperity of the country. After paying a dividend to its shareholders at the rate of 7 per cent., the handsome sum of \$50,000 has been carried to the credit of the rest, being nearly 4 per cent. on the capital paid up, and the whole of this amount was realized from the profits of the year. The Eastern Townships Bank has judiciously confined its business to the district of country in which its headquarters are situated, and which is immediately under the purview of its general manager and directors. Conitcook is one of the most rising of our young manufacturing towns, and we are glad to learn from the report that the prospects both in Sherbrooke itself and in the other towns in the vicinity are so favorable. Notwithstanding the withdrawal of the \$4 bills the circulation has increased by over \$170,000, and the deposits at interest by over \$400,000.