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GEO. BILTON & Co. are two young men of small means at Hamilton, Ont., whose mother made them a present a few years ago of the plant necessary for making soda water, valued at the time at about \$2,500, and with which she had previously carried on the business. The present year has not been favorable to such beverages. They have assigned .- The business of Samuel Beemish, hotelkeeper, Bothwell, Ont., is being closed up.

tock, is advertised to be sold by auction on the

' MARRION BROS., who have carried on what

was deemed a successful business for some

years past at Stoney Point, Ont., have evident-

ly too many unrealizable accounts in their

books. They owe about \$4,500, and claim

assets of a few hundred dollars surplus, not-

withstanding which, however, they decided

In the death of Mr.' John Elliott, wholesale

grocer, which occurred the 11th inst. in the 64th

year of age, Montreal loses one of the oldest

merchants in the trade. Mr. Elliott began

business nearly forty years ago, and through-

out his long career was highly successful and

no less respected for his integrity. He has

always been well spoken of by his competitors

The export movement of domestic produce

at New York last week was of satisfactory

proportions, the total being \$8,565,997, against

\$7,053,917 for the same week last year. Wheat

continues to move out quite briskly, though

the increase in the general movement seems to

have been well distributed. Since Jan. 1, the

total is \$227,853,243, compared with \$254,253,-

580 for the corresponding period of 1883, show

a decrease of \$26,000,000.

in trade. His estate is valued at \$200,000.

30th inst.

to assign in trust.

THE troubles of W. Bacon, an honest, wellmeaning grocer of Peterboro', Ont., are attributable to too many book debts, which, although put down at several hundred dollars, are not worth twenty per cent of their face. He owes about \$2,500, and has assets nominally of equal amount. His small house and lot are encumbered for nearly full value. A compromise of 50 cents in the dollar seemed the only way out of his difficulty at last accounts. He assigned on the 4th inst.

WE REGRET to learn that Messrs, T. James & Co., organ manufacturers, Guelph, have been compelled to suspend payment. They suffered recently by fire in the premises, and are now repairing damages. The assignment, which is made to Mr. James, of Brompton, father of Mr. T. James and father-in-law of his partner, was made solely to avoid some threatened suits, and it is confidently hoped the firm will be alse to pay in full, not long after they get again fairly under way.

THOSE who know what a careful business man is Mr. Geo. B. Burland, will be surprised to learn that he advanced \$25,000 on property to Mr. T. S. Judah, J. P., or anybody else, without having had the titles examined. Mr. Judah claims that he believed the property was free of all family or other claims.

THE announcement of the death of Mr. Norton B. Corse of this city, which occurred on Sunday last, was received with general regret. Mr. Corse was well-known among the mercantile community, although it is 24 years since he retired from active life as a senior partner of the firm of Corse & May, which was succeeded by the present firm of S. H. May & Co. He was 76 years of age, was a resident of this city for 60 years, and was held in great esteem by all who knew him.

MR. JOHN ROOME, dry goods merchant Guelph, Unt., referred to last week, shows, liabilities of about \$13,500, and assets nominally several hundred dollars less, the latter consisting of stock valued at \$7,500, and book debts amounting to \$6,200. He owns the house in which he lives, but it is morigaged to Messrs. A. R. McMaster & Bro., of Toronto, to secure his account. Mr. Roche is offering 50 cents in the dollar, payable in 3, 6, 9 and 12 months, secured by Mr. J. D. Williamson, dry goods merchant, as endorser.