

Dr. Johnson's opinion, very unreliable. The proof of this is that off Fame Point the "Hurons" struck on a rock which is not mentioned in the chart. Representatives of the shipping interest will join a committee of the society in laying the matter before the Government.

On Tuesday last, a gale of unusual severity did considerable injury in several parts of this Province. Much damage was done at Aurora by a funnel-shaped cyclone. The Methodist church, a brick structure in that town was badly wrecked, while the Presbyterian church was more fortunate in having only its tower injured. A two-story brick house was blown down there and barns and stables suffered severely. The loss has been estimated at about \$60,000. At Tilsonburg, the wall of an elevator was blown in and an employee killed.

MR. IRA CORNWALL, secretary of the St. John Board of Trade, writes to the press of that city, stating that enquiry has come to him from the North-West Territories asking why New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island oysters are not canned and shipped to Manitoba and the Territories. At present the people there are dependent on the United States for their supplies of canned oysters. This, as Mr. Cornwall says, looks like a favorable opening for the development of a new industry.

REFERRING to the Connecticut discovery of Anthony Comstock in connection with "green goods," the New York Bulletin says:—"The really important fact in this discovery is that in six weeks 110 men, many of whom were supposed at their own homes to be respectable citizens, tried to buy counterfeit money from a single gang of pretended counterfeiters. These 110 men actually paid over \$40,000 in the expectation of getting counterfeit money with which to defraud the public. It is a question whether these 'green goods' men should not be regarded as good citizens for defeating the efforts of their so-called victims to secure counterfeit money."

AFTER many years of varying success, James Giddins retired from the grocery business at Cobourg. In July, 1890, he was succeeded by his son. Last fall Mr. G. again assumed charge, and now at last assigns to William Logan. An assignment has been made by James E. Boosey, grocer, Petrolia, also. In the fall of 1888 the Hinton Mills Mfg. Co. purchased the furniture business of William

Hinton, at London, and since then have not been successful. Being in difficulties in March, 1892, they arranged a compromise at 40 per cent. This week we hear of their assignment.

—Hoskin & Co., dealers in stoves and tinware, at Strathroy, have assigned, with liabilities of \$1,000, and nominal assets half that sum.—At one time D. Waters did a good business as a tailor at Campbellford, but latterly it has been neglected, and a number of losses have been incurred. In consequence he has been obliged to assign.—Thomas Lewis, tobacconist, Hamilton, had his effects mortgaged. Not being able to pay anything in reduction of his debt, he has assigned. In the same city Henry Skinner, bicycle dealer, also assigns.—An offer of 50 per cent. is made to the creditors of H. C. Adison, lithographer, at London.

A GENERAL storekeeper at Thetford Mines, Paul Boissonault, has made a voluntary assignment, and will be wound up. He went to the mines from St. Ferdinand de Halifax about three years ago, and has done a very limited trade, being evidently not out for business.

—H. C. Dandurand, a hotel man at St. Johns, Que., is reported to be asking a settlement at the rate of 20 cents on the dollar. He is said to owe as much as \$15,000. We have no explanations of the reasons which induce creditors to forgive him the other \$12,000. Let us hope that the profits made on their goods may enable them to stand this loss with equanimity.—A demand of assignment has been issued against E. H. Paquette, dry goods merchant, of Coaticook, Que., who has a business record dating back some twenty-five years, and who has been a leading trader in his line. Latterly his trade with interior points has been considerably interfered with, and out off, by a new railway, and he has latterly shown signs of distress. Liabilities are roughly estimated at about \$18,000.

It will be remembered that the year 1891-1892 was one of enormous exports of United States products, the value of these exported in the year ended with April, 1892, being no less than \$1,011,343,000. But in the succeeding twelve months there was a very marked decline, for the total value of exports was \$848,594,000, or \$162,748,000 less than the year before. The imports of the country during the same periods have shown quite an opposite course. In 1892 the United States purchased abroad goods to the value of \$832,145,

000, where in 1893 the value of goods imported was \$926,151,000, an increase of \$94,000,000.

—We regret that in compiling, last week, the list of Australian banks suspended, the Union Bank of Australia was made to appear among them. This is one of the few which did not suspend.

THE city council of Montreal has granted \$10,000 to the Exhibition Company for the holding of a fair this year. The exhibition will take place in that city from the 4th to the 9th of September inclusive.

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