

Miss A. E. ROBINSON, who has done a leading millinery business at Windsor, N.S., for the past twenty-three years, is offering 55 cents on the dollar. She is reported as having failed before in 1896, when she owed some \$10,000.

Last week we were technically wrong in saying that the Co-operative Knitting Company became incorporated as the Peoples' Knitting Syndicate, Limited. We should have said that the newer company took over the old business of the Co-operative Co., and we find that Mr. Hunter, who is one of the new directors, is still practically the manager of the business. Among other things, he com-

plains that we used the term small, in speaking of the company, but at the same time he admits that their purchases of yarn do not exceed an average of 500 lbs. per month. Certainly this quantity is not very much for a syndicate to handle, and "the large knitting combines," so-called, which their literature speaks of, and which they profess to oppose, will not be greatly disturbed by this sort of opposition. We have not been able to see the stock book of the company, which should show amount of new capital subscribed and paid up, but two of the directors assure us that they already have a considerable sum, and that the company is incorporated under the Ontario Companies' Acts. As we should be sorry to misrepresent the company, we make this explanation.

That there was no marked increase in British Columbia's export lumber trade in 1899 is said to be due to the scarcity of carrying tonnage. The Chemainus mill alone is understood to have four million feet of ordered lumber awaiting delivery to different parts of the world.

COUNTRY failures are reported for the week in Quebec province as follows: A tailor named L. H. Gauvin, at Actonvale, has assigned, owing about \$1,500. In 1894 he settled at 40 cents on the dollar. Too much liberality in the matter of credits is said to be the cause of his troubles.—J. E. Legare, who began a small general business at Lyster, in the fall of 1898, is already embarrassed, and a meeting of his creditors was held in Quebec last week, when he proposed an extension on liabilities of \$1,900, but he has since assigned.—L. G. Froment, grocer, at Joliette, whose business has been reported declining for some time, has assigned, after an unsuccessful endeavor to arrange a compromise. Liabilities are said to be \$5,000, included in which is a dower claim of his wife for \$2,000.—F. X. Hudon came from the United States, and started a small store business at Ste. Flavie, in the fall of 1897, which has not proved successful, and he has assigned.—T. Cote, of St. Hilarion, lately reported insolvent, has succeeded in making a settlement with creditors.—T. Pouliot, of St. Samuel de Gayhurst, a farmer, carrying on also a small store business for some years, has assigned on demand of a Quebec firm.

## STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, January 24th, 1900.

Stocks.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Closing Prices.		Average, same date 1899.
				Sellers.	Buyers.	
Montreal .....	262	258	41	.....	260	250
Ontario .....	124½	124½	2	.....	.....	115
Molson .....	193½	192	11	191½	185	202
Toronto .....	243½	243½	17	249	235	243
J. Cartier .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Merchants .....	161½	160	79	165	160½	180
Commerce .....	.....	.....	.....	150	145	150
Union .....	.....	.....	.....	112	.....	115
Hochelaga .....	.....	.....	.....	146	.....	160
Nationale .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
M. Telegraph .....	173	172	35	176	173½	173
R. & O. Nav. ....	110	106½	730	109½	108	104½
Street Ry. ....	289	273	1834	297½	285	295½
Gas .....	190	189½	175	193	19	214½
C.P.R. ....	94½	93½	3850	94½	94½	86½
Land Grant bds ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
N. W. Land .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bell Tele. Co. ....	173	171	12	183	171	172½
Mont. 4½ stock ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

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