

We note a dissolution of the wholesale spice firm of Bourgeau & Herron, Montreal; the business is continued by Messrs. Robert Herron and S. W. Ewing, under the style of Ewing, Herron & Co. There has also been a change in the personnel of the Bordeaux Wine Company, and Mr. F. Desormeau now registers as the only partner.—The Dominion Electric Manufacturing Co., of Montreal, has been dissolved, and it is understood the business will be discontinued.

CARNE & MUNSIE, of Victoria, B. C., have shipped 4,702 seal skins to London. The consignment went to Montreal in two refrigerator cars on the C.P.R. The total value is \$94,000, estimated at present prices, but the shippers expect that it will bring \$100,000 at the fur sale. The *Columbian* says the value of the industry to Victoria will be recognized, when a shipment of this value is made by one firm, and when the catch was made entirely outside of Behring Sea.

An extension of time is asked from their principal creditors by McGregor & Crysler, dealers in wall paper, etc., in this city. The firm shows a nominal surplus of \$2,000 over liabilities of \$4,000.—Exceedingly dull business is claimed by Doughty Bros., general storekeepers at Warsaw, as a reason for being financially behind; and as they are unable to make collections of their outstandings, an assignment has been made.—Emil Vogelsang, manufacturer, Port Elgin, has also assigned.

It is said that hereafter the United States gaugers are to be weighmasters. Instead of being gauged, liquors are to be weighed. This is a decided boon for the scale makers. They might, an exchange thinks, find a still wider field for the introduction of their goods by securing the adoption of the same method for selling liquor at retail. To weigh a man before and after drinking might seem a little ridiculous, but would determine the exact amount consumed—and sell a good many scales.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made, says the *Sun*, for the regular maintenance in future of the service between St. John and Demerara, by steamers calling at Halifax, Bermuda, St. Thomas, St. Kitt's, Antigua, Guadeloupe, Dominica, Martinique, St. Lucia, Barbadoes and Trinidad, and returning to St. John via the same ports, except Halifax. It will be performed by the Clyde-built iron steamships "Duart Castle," 1,180 tons, and the "Taymouth Castle," 1,172 tons, which will leave St. John and Demerara every fortnight.

In British Columbia a number of business changes have taken place. Among them we note the following: The hardware firm of Creighton, Fraser & Co., Vancouver, is dissolved, the former retiring. The grocery firm of Clark & Co. also dissolves, W. A. Clark continuing the business. The clothing and men's furnishing business of R. Robertson is offered for sale, and Z. G. Goldberg opens out in the same line. In Victoria, the firm of Harvey & Harild, contractors, is dissolved, and the business is continued by W. B. Harild.

It was supposed that E. Johnathan, grocer in Brantford, had made fairly satisfactory progress during the seven or eight years he had been in business. At any rate, he owned a farm, and apparently did a nice trade. Now all this has been disappointing, and he has made an assignment.—Lawrence Tracey, of Guelph, became discontented as a mason, and invested, so it is said, about \$2,000 in a tavern. It only took him eighteen months to realize the truth of the old adage that "the fool and his money are soon parted." After that time an assignment was duly in order.

A SALOON keeper in Hamilton named T. G. Maxwell, is reported away. The bailiff was in possession of the place for taxes and a chattel mortgage; consequently Mr. M. could no longer "hold the fort."—V. B. Whipple, who did a small printing business in the same city for a few years, and who had given a chattel mortgage to his father, has now assigned.—P. J. Watt, dealer in groceries, etc., London, two years in business, has also had his premises closed by chattel mortgage. This is rather a bad wind-up after making an investment of \$1,200 when he started.

THE prize-lists are out for the Eastern Townships Exhibition, to be held at Sherbrooke, September 1st to 5th this year. Entries of live stock must be made on or before the 24th, in other classes by 26th August. This is always a good show, and if any one of our Ontario readers desires to see a beautiful town and take an enjoyable holiday, we recommend him to go to Sherbrooke on September 3rd or 4th. He can see Count Mercier there too, and Premier Abbott, for both are to be on exhibition; so whether he is Grit or Tory he is sure to be pleased.

A CIGAR manufacturer in Paris, Ont., who was in trade eight or nine years, succeeded hitherto in paying his way. But now he has assigned. His name is N. P. Benning.—During last autumn, W. Mackenzie, milliner, etc., in this city, assigned with liabilities of

\$12,000. After this he moved to Petrolia and the business has since been conducted under the style of Mackenzie & Co., with Mrs. Mackenzie representing the company. Now they again have been unsuccessful and have assigned to S. E. Townsend with liabilities of \$1,400 and nominal assets of about \$1,000. A meeting of creditors was held in this city yesterday.

A MONTREAL firm of printers and lithographers, Waters Bros. & Co., find themselves hampered by slow collections and general dulness of business, and have asked for an extension of time; their liabilities are approximately estimated at about \$20,000.—B. Laurance & Co., of the same city, wholesale opticians, are reported to be asking an extension of time, spread over three years. They are said to have suffered considerably through bad debts. Mr. Laurance since his financial trouble of some four years ago, has been doing business under cover of a brother's name, not having been able to get a general settlement at that time.

THESE are the dog days. Cool ones, it must be confessed, yet the householder doesn't want to think about such warm subjects as furnaces if he can avoid doing so. Yet the selection of such an article from amongst those of Canadian make that are most excellent, cannot be done in a moment, so much consideration has to be given to their heating and fuel consuming qualities. Doubtless this is why Clare Bros. & Co., the well known makers of Preston, Ont., have issued their catalogue at this early date. There are upwards of 100 pages illustrative of their various makes of furnaces and registers, accompanied by testimonials which must have due weight with those interested in this phase of domestic economy.

THE Dominion Government has just completed a lobster hatchery at Bay View, four miles from Pictou, N.S. The intention is to save such quantities of eggs as are now thrown away at the lobster factory. The law forbids the capture of lobsters having eggs in embryo. By the artificial process, these eggs are brought in by the fishermen in the various factories. They are then deposited in a series of glass jars, through which pure sea water is made to pass. Already several millions of young lobsters have been hatched and planted out in localities where the fishermen have been in the habit of catching the parent fish, and there are about 50,000,000 of young in the incubators. It is said other hatcheries will be established in the provinces. The method adopted is certainly novel.

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