

ALLISTON claims to have two thousand inhabitants, and has applied for incorporation, to date from 1st January next. North Bay has been also incorporated as a town, to take effect at the beginning of the next year.

CANADA does not pack sardines yet, but she presently will. Mr. W. T. Costigan, of Montreal, proposes establishing a factory at Champobello. He has leased a building at Welchpool, and has engaged a foreman who managed the St. Andrews Sardine Company's business.

THE lumber firm of Gilmour & Co., of Ottawa and elsewhere, has been dissolved, Mr. Allan Gilmour retiring therefrom. Mr. John Gilmour and his cousin, Mr. J. D. Gilmour, now constitute the firm, which will 'lumber and trade under the firm name of John Gilmour & Co.

THE following traders have assigned: Isaac Harris, dealer in clothing, &c., at Lachine, liabilities \$3,500; Albert Manseau, general dealer, Pleasance, owes \$3,600; C. H. Craig, men's furnishings, Three Rivers, owes over \$3,600; W. D. Richard, grocer in a small way at St. Henri, Que.

FRANCOIS BOUCHARD, of St. Felicien, who has been doing a small store business for six or seven years, has recently tried to better his position by taking contracts to get out railroad ties. He has not come out as well as he expected, and assigns for the benefit of his creditors. He owes \$2,500.

A MAN just returned from the famous fruit district of the Annapolis Valley, states that the apple crop will be a failure in many parts of the valley. Several farmers in the vicinity of Canning who are in the habit of selling from 120 to 200 barrels, will not have more than from 10 to 15 barrels this year, and some will have none at all.

THE construction work of the Kingston dry-dock is being pushed. Part of the sides have been lined with cut stone, and large stones are being laid in cement at the bottom. The width will be increased from 48 to 55 feet. This will admit vessels of the size of the Niagara steamers "Cibola" and "Chicora."

COUNTERFEIT U. S. two-dollar silver certificates are floating in New York, and may make their way west. They are said to be well executed and highly dangerous. The counterfeit, we are told, is nearly a half inch shorter than the genuine bill, the seal is of a brick color, while that of the true certificate is of a pinkish red shade. There is also a scratchiness in the portrait of Hancock.

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ACCORDING to the Halifax Herald, C. W. Young, of Calais, B. F. Young, of Parrsboro, and D. C. Young, of New Ville, have bought from Benjamin Young all his lumbering property in Cumberland, Nova Scotia, his vessels and both of his mills, for about \$180,000. The business will now be conducted under the name of Young Bros. & Co.

IN addition to the other failures in Ontario business circles noted elsewhere, the following minor assignments have been made: George Deacon, maker of photograph-mats; James Anderson, builder, Toronto, the latter to Hy. W. Barber; Emma Willis, fancy goods dealer, Walkerton; T. W. Hawley, who gave prizes with his teas to the good folks of Trenton, and W. H. Hewes, painter, Woodstock.

ASSIGNMENTS have been made by Raymond Beaudoin, contractor; Bouvier & Marand, pedlars; and Louis Robert, barber and tobacconist, all of Montreal. In the same city, the St. Cunegonde suburb, we observe that a tailor named Philip A. Donais has assigned, owing \$6,000. It is only nine months since this same man compromised, agreeing to pay 60 cts. in the dollar in 3, 6, 9, and 12 months.

AN offer of compromise has been made to creditors by J. F. Reid, a shoe dealer at Dunnville.—Business difficulties began to take a serious turn with the general store firm of McGirr & Son, at Feversham, in May last, and the stock was acquired by R. T. McGirr & Co. The former have now assigned to Mr. F. H. Lamb, who finds the liabilities about \$1,600 and assets \$500.—A dealer in men's furnishings at Hamilton, Geo. Yost by name, has, it is said, sold his stock and left with the proceeds.—Assignments have been made by A. J. Eaton, harness, Norwood, and V. C. Crockett, hotel, Orangeville.

A CHESTER commission man just from Jersey tells a suspicious story of a farmer residing opposite Chester, in that State. This man, he says, has managed to save a large part of his peach crop and has just harvested 200 baskets, which he sold for \$2,000. When the cold wave came on in the spring, says the romance, this farmer resolved to save his crop at all hazards. So he went to the windward side of his orchard and built a line of fires. These he kept up with great labor, and tore down his fences and used all the old timber on his premises. The object was to temper the cold winds that blew through the peach trees, and the plan not only worked, but proved a good investment.—Chester Times.

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WE have to chronicle the death of Patrick Slattery, an old merchant at Pembroke, who carried on various businesses and always had quite a large trade. His weakness as a business man consisted in attempting too much, and last year he got into difficulties and settled at 65 cents on the dollar. A meeting of his creditors was held on the 28th ult., when one of his executors made an offer of 40 cents on the dollar for the estate. This was refused and creditors granted a delay of ten days to make a further offer. Liabilities are placed at \$32,000.

LAST week there was recorded in the Register of Deeds' Office, Port Huron, a mortgage executed by the St. Clair Tunnel Company to E. W. Meddaugh and Lewis J. Sargeant, trustees, and was for the purpose of issuing bonds to the amount of \$2,500,000. These are to be used by the St. Clair Tunnel Co., and will run for fifty years at five per cent. interest. It is stated that the money will be expended in building engine houses, shops, etc., but it is suggested that the main object is to raise money for the construction of a second tunnel for the Grand Trunk Railway at that point.

It is said that before making an assignment, the general store and West India firm of S. Locke and Sons, at Lockeport, N. S., executed transfers of their homesteads to their wives. Other transfers are also recorded. The unsecured liabilities will probably reach \$10,000.—An assignment has been made by Buchanan & McLean, general merchants, North Sydney, N. S. They make preferences for borrowed money, and their total indebtedness will be \$7,000.—The estate of James White, grocer, which was conducted by Susan White, has failed in St. John, N.B., owing \$2,500.

At the big fair in Detroit last week Canada did well in sheep. John Jackson & Sons, of Abingdon, Ontario, in Southdowns were awarded thirteen firsts and eight second prizes, including two medals and a silver cup given by the American Southdown Association. In Leicesters, J. Kelly, jr., of Shakespeare, Ont., secured ten firsts and six seconds. In Cotswolds, J. G. Snell & Bros., of Edmonton, Ont., carried off nine firsts and five seconds—the lion's share of the class. H. Crawford & Son, Canboro', Ont., gets the balance, one first and three seconds. In Oxford, H. Tolton, Walkerton, Ont., gets five firsts and three seconds. Mr. Wm. McNeil, of London, exhibiting poultry at the fair, won 82 firsts, 64 seconds, and 21 third prizes.

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