

THOS. KELLY, a furniture dealer at Ridgetown, N. S. has assigned in trust with small liabilities and assets.

P. N. BRETON, a small stationery man of Montreal, has assigned to Messrs. Beauchemin & Valois, his leading creditors. He owes about \$1,500.

A MANUFACTURER of Sackville, N.B., Mr. J. R. Ayer Larrigan, has assigned. Judgments amounting to \$5,000 were recently obtained against him.

At a meeting of bank presidents and others in Boston last week, which was largely attended, the speedy passage of a uniform national bankrupt law was urged.

CHAS CULLEN, a general dealer, of Carleton, Que., has assigned in trust to R. L. Gault; thus putting an end to the embarrassment he has been in for the past month.

THE Coldbrook rolling mills and nail factory at St. John, N.B., have been purchased by Messrs. I. & F. Burpee & Co., who will at once commence operations at the works.

A BRITISH steamer loaded with, cotton, corn and oil-cake, clearing from New Orleans, has passed through the jetties at the mouth of the Mississippi, drawing 25 feet and 2 inches,

COUNTERFEIT five-dollar bills on the Bank of British North America are circulating in Montreal. Keep a sharp lookout for them, as the counterfeits are very like the genuine notes.

A. L. DESAULNIER, of Riviere du Loup en haut, Que. has assigned in trust to P. P. Martin, his principal creditor. Liabilities are about \$5,000, assets about \$3,000. He kept a general store.

THE only storekeeper at Belyea's Cove, N. S. Samuel H. Gilchrist, by name, has assigned in trust, after being in business about five years in a small way. He shows liabilities of about \$3,500 and assets nominally, about \$3,400.

MR. WILMOT, Superintendent of Fisheries, has given some figures of the season's operations at the Newcastle hatchery. 2,650,000 salmon trout ova have been distributed in Ontario, 500,000 have been sent to England, and 250,000 salmon and speckled trout sent free to parties having ponds.

L. W. SHERMAN, lumber dealer, of Fredericton, N.B., who fell into difficulties last month, has assigned in trust to C. S. Ingraham. His estate is not likely to pay much, but the liabilities are not large, not exceeding \$5,000. He has only been in a small way and has not made much stir.

A MEETING of the creditors of Bennett & Co., wholesale stationers, Montreal, was held a few days ago, at which a statement was submitted showing the liabilities to be about \$53,000, including indirect, while the assets are valued at about \$24,000. No offer of compromise was submitted.

BOWEN & FRASER, a general store firm at Vernon Ont., have made an assignment to the representative of a leading Hamilton clothing house, and a meeting of creditors is to be held shortly at Ottawa. They shew liabilities of nearly \$5,000 and assets of \$3,200. The estate is likely to be wound up.

THE smaller fur and hat men of Montreal seem to be in a bad way, and failures among them have been numerous of late, as evidenced by our columns for several weeks. It had been hoped that the run was over, but last week brought about two more; the first being the assignment of Joseph Cedras, hat manufacturer, who has already been unsuccessful in the past, while Louis Hart, a capmaker, was the second unfortunate. The liabilities will not be excessive in either case.

J. & R. MCGREGOR, tanners, of New Glasgow, N. S., have called a meeting of creditors. The announcement is rather a surprise as the firm has hitherto been considered in fair standing, though not very progressive.

It is stated by the Port Hood, Cape Breton, *Referee*, that Messrs McLellan Brothers, of that town, were about shipping 700 cases canned meat per S. S. *M. A. Star*, via Halifax, for the European markets. This is the second heavy shipment by the same firm.

D. Rupert Eaton, of Parrsboro, a well known shipbuilder, died suddenly last week at Canard, N. S. Mr. Eaton was senior partner of the firm of D. R. & C. F. Eaton, and carried on a mercantile business both at Lower Canard and Parrsboro, N. S., and also shipbuilding at Eatonville.

A SMALL store keeper of St. Thomas de Pierreville, Que., Mrs. E. H. Prince, who has been in business there two or three years, has assigned in trust with liabilities of about \$4,000 and assets \$3,000 nominally. Too much competition and cutting of prices, are the attributed causes of failure.

It is stated that Mr. Gibson, the "lumber king" of New Brunswick, has shipped from St. John this season 87,000,000 feet of deals, in 115 vessels, for the English and French markets. Last season his total shipments reached 100,000,000 feet and were made in 136 vessels.

H. G. CHARBONNEAU, a store keeper at Plantagenet, Ont., has assigned in trust, with liabilities of about \$3,000; this is his second failure, the first being in 1879, when he effected a compromise of 30 cents on the dollar, on liabilities of about the same amount as at present.

THE chief inspector of the cattle ranches of the Dominion, reports that cattle can be wintered with safety south of High River, which is about midway between the 50th and 51st parallel in the Canadian Northwest, and that with ordinary care the losses need not exceed two per cent.

THE Customs' officers have been notified by the Department that on and after January, no invoice of goods will be passed unless certified to by the person and firm from whom they are purchased. The words "certified correct" and signature of maker will be sufficient to meet the requirements of the new order.

THE manufacture of canoes for hunting or pleasure is a considerable industry in Peterboro. One maker there can turn out, it is said, three a day, and is sending some to England. A company whose factory is across the river, at Ashburnham, has prepared a dozen of "cedar-ribbed, cherry-decked sailers," for consignment to the Old Country.

THE stockholders of the New Brunswick Steamship Company (Limited), at St. John N. B., last week decided to wind up the affairs of the company. About \$40,000 has been sunk by the venture. The charter of the company will not be surrendered. This company was organized to run steamers between St. John and Liverpool. Their first steamer, the *Cedar Grove* was lost on her voyage out.

THE Winnipeg *Free Press* is indulging in some rather plain talk, such as is peculiar to that free land of the setting sun. Thus: "The people of the Northwest are not to be imposed on by idle twaddle about the 'Mother Country.' They have their commercial interests to look after, and will be guided only by commercial considerations. Freedom of commercial intercourse with the United States is a *sine qua non* to commercial success; and freedom of commercial intercourse this portion of the Dominion at least must obtain by some means in the near future."

THE Sandwich Islands forming the Kingdom of Hawaii, are situated about the middle of the Pacific Ocean, and export large quantities of sugar, coffee, rice, hides &c. They consume a good many manufactured goods which our American cousins supply to them in large proportion, the exports from New York and Boston for the last year being over \$8,600,000 in value. Canada might do business with Honolulu, too Mr. C. Elliott Anderson of Ottawa has been appointed Consul General of the Kingdom for the Dominion, while Messrs. Adam Brown and E. Strachan Cox are the Vice Consuls for Hamilton and Toronto respectively.

At a recent meeting of the St. John Board of Trade, a letter was read by the Secretary from Mr. Ira Cornwall, jr. of Liverpool, suggesting that several thousand copies of the hand-book published by Mr. J. R. Hamilton for the Board be sent to the Canadian Immigrant Agent at Liverpool. New Brunswick, the letter stated, was losing immigrants, because there is no available information in Britain concerning the province. Mr. Dyke, on a recent visit to Denmark, was flooded with enquiries concerning New Brunswick. The Board decided to send Mr. Cornwall 1000 copies of the hand-book in question.

FOR one of the sections on the Canada Pacific Railway—an isolated section on the north shore of Lake Superior, two miles inland and 170 miles from any settlement—preparations are being made as in the following description: The propellers *California* and *Rupert*, are westward carrying stores for Messrs. Ryan & Co., contractors. The propellers will land their stores at Pic, a natural harbour on the Lake. A railway village will be here constructed. About \$26,000 worth of provisions, clothes and other stores is now in transit from Montreal. Amongst other things forwarded are a small steam launch and a five ton sailing vessel for the settlement's use. At one place a mountain of solid granite has to be cut through, the contract price for one mile of this work is stated at \$300,000. If possible work will be carried on all through the coming winter.

IN the province of Manitoba.—Walton & Bird of Emerson are asking an extension of time until they are able to collect their accounts.—O. P. Jackson & Co. of Winnipeg, grocers, have assigned in trust.—The effects of W. J. Corrigan, lumber dealer of Whitemouth have been seized and were to have been sold last week.—J. E. Johnston of Crystal City and Winnipeg, hotel keeper, was reported to have moved some of his goods, so the sheriff has been put in charge.—McTaggart & Scott, Souris city, general dealers, who have been in trouble for some time, have assigned.—Ingles & Sisson, confectioners in Winnipeg, had their stock advertised for sale on Monday last by the Sheriff.

J. A. TODD a general storekeeper at Goodwood, whom we reported as having been robbed, has assigned.—A tailor in Hamilton, J. Finigan, doing a small business has assigned. His liabilities are principally to one firm in this city.—It may be a surprise to some persons to learn that Mr. Geo. Draper, general storekeeper at Lis-towel has compromised with his creditors.—In Mount Forest, Charles C. Cheeseman, who has been engaged in the furniture business more than ten years, now finds himself unable to meet his payments. This is rather unfortunate for a sober and industrious man after giving the closest attention to business.—About eight years ago, M. Widerick jr., of Nanticooke, formerly a farmer, has been the victim of dispensing credit too freely as a general storekeeper among his neighbors. He assigned with liabilities of \$3,000.