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THE stock of the Smith Hardware Co., St. Thomas, has been seized by a bailiff for rent. In the early part of this year, the company compromised with creditors by paying 20 per cent. of their claims.

A DEALER in men's furnishing goods, at Phoenix, B.C., M. W. Crane, has assigned. In July, 1897, he succeeded to the business of Jameson & Gray, by whom he had been employed as clerk. Evidently he did not prosper as proprietor, as he was obliged to mortgage the stock in July, and in August a second mortgage was given. About three weeks ago he was sued.—H. B. Beecher, miner at Barkerville, has assigned.

A RETAIL dry goods dealer, in the north-eastern suburbs of Montreal, named Louis Houle, has made a voluntary assignment, and the assets, amounting to \$3,194, are advertised for sale by auction.—In the matter of Joseph Martineau, hardware dealer, Montreal, recently insolvent, a settlement has been arrived at, the father, who was the principal creditor, agreeing to pay the general creditors in full, in five yearly instalments.

TENDERS are asked by the sheriff for the baking and confectionery stock and fixtures of A. H. Warner, at Guelph. He has been short of capital and mortgaged his chattels a short time ago. An assignment has been made.—The grocery stock of Anning Bros., at Kincardine, has been sold by the mortgagee. A year ago they succeeded their brother. Last September they were obliged to give a chattel mortgage to their principal creditor. This has been foreclosed.—An assignment has been made by D. H. Ketcheson, grain dealer, at Menie, near Campbellford, Ont.

To help the deserving at their need, . . . and to prevent the undeserving from preying upon public benevolence, and thus giving birth to a race of paupers, is the object of a general charity organization. It is eminently true that, as the circular adds, Only those intimately in touch with the class of people receiving help, can realize how much imposture there is in Toronto, and it is time that an effort like the present, by the Associated Charities, to prevent waste of sympathy and money, should be made. The object of this body, made up of different charitable boards, is to so systematize giving, to so classify receivers of help, that money may not be wasted by being given to unworthy people. These are commendable aims, and the efforts to relieve distress and at the same time save our business men and others from being imposed upon, deserves support. The organization, we understand, is at the service of all citizens who choose to use it; no money is sought for its services; but those who are so disposed may give a dollar a year to help carry it on. Mr. James Massie is the president; Miss L. Taylor, B.A., the secretary, whose office is at No. 12, Confederation Life building.

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