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## Mercantile Summary.

THE mortgagees are in possession of the stock of J. H. Black, general storekeeper at Springfield. The *Aylmer Express* says that Mr. Black has left the place for parts unknown.

EDWARD MURPHY, a carriage builder of St. John, N.B., has been going behind for some time, and has been obliged to call a meeting of his creditors. A mortgage of \$2,500, covering his real estate, etc., has just been recorded.

AN illicit whiskey still was captured at Bridgewater, N.S., last Friday. The still was in the cellar of Alonzo Zwicker, and was in full blast when the officers made their appearance. The still was hot. Three hundred and sixty gallons of wort was destroyed.

D. A. BISHOP & Co., a firm dealing in crockery, etc., at Truro, N.S., have made assignment of their estate, giving a first preference for \$1,700, and also several other preferences for small amounts. They are said to owe about \$4,000 in all, while assets are estimated at about \$1,500.

THE purchase of a controlling interest in the Vancouver Gas Works by Mr. Wm. Mackenzie, of Toronto, on behalf of a strong syndicate, is of interest and importance to our Province's mining, says the *Mining Critic*, in view of the necessarily close connection of successful gas production with coal mining.

THE Brantford Stoneware and Pottery Co. has closed down one department of its business, viz., the stoneware manufacturing department. It is stated that the new tariff "permits the importation of these goods from the United States, so as to be sold again cheaper than they can manufacture here. Thus the Brantford men are thrown out of work."

FROM Quebec city we hear of the failure of L. Laplante & Fils, a firm engaged in the manufacture of slippers in a small way. Liabilities are mainly local—The estate of Labrecque & Marcotte, wholesale dealers in fancy goods, lately failed, is to be wound up, and the stock has been sold by the assignee at 63 cents on the dollar to Amyot & Frere, wholesalers in the same line of business.

A STOREKEEPER, of Casselman, named P. Dorais, one of the unfortunate sufferers by the late bush fires, has communicated with his creditors through his lawyer, and asks them to accept 20 per cent. cash, on their claims. He loses his store premises and stock of about \$3,000, and has only \$1,000 insurance.—T. Barry, of Pembroke, Ont., who has been doing a small business in bankrupt stocks, etc., since 1893, has assigned.—W. A. Bennett, of Spencer-ville, Ont., originally a shoemaker, but for some years past dealing exclusively in agricultural implements, makes an assignment.

A MONTREAL firm dealing in hats and furs, Archambault & Rivet by name, are embarrassed, and a demand in insolvency has been made upon them. Rivet has assigned personally, but Archambault is contesting the demand. They owe about \$2,300.—W. Aubert de Gaspe, a small dry goods dealer in Point St. Charles suburbs, has assigned. He owes \$2,500, and has assets of about \$900, which will be largely eaten up by the landlord's claim. He has been previously unsuccessful.—L. C. Fortin, a small grocer, of the same city, has assigned, owing \$1,060.—E. J. Martin, confectioner, owing under \$1,000, has been put into bankruptcy.—O. Corbeille & Co., who have been engaged in the hardware and paint line in the St. Gabriel suburbs for a dozen years, have been declared insolvent, and stock, etc., is to

be sold. They over-invested in real estate, and got an extension in the spring of 1895, but have apparently never worked clear.

TWELVE enterprising men of Cumberland County, Nova Scotia, have acquired possession of half a million acres of timber lands in Newfoundland, which contains pine of old growth. The company, R. T. Smith and Dr. Smith of Parrsboro, W. T. Pipes, Rhodes & Curry, Mr. Lusby, J. L. Black and others, of Amherst. The mills are situated on the Exploits river, the shipping facilities are excellent. The lands were formerly owned by an English syndicate, to whom the present company paid in the vicinity of \$100,000 for the property.

INFORMATION of a reliable nature has been received by the *Rat Portage News* to the effect that an offer has actually been made for the Sultana Mine and adjoining claims embracing the Ophir property. But the deal cannot be closed, it seems, until some clouds on the title of some of the claims outside of the Sultana have been removed, the purchasers wishing to secure a larger tract of territory than that embraced by the Sultana mine. "The amount offered is said to be between one and a half and two millions of dollars. It is understood that the parties who made the offer represent the Rothschilds, of London, Eng."

THE authorities of the Allan Steamship Line loaded and discharged no less than six vessels at the port of Montreal last week. The "Sarmatian" sailed for Glasgow on Tuesday morning and the "Livonian" for Liverpool the following morning, while the "State of California" left for Liverpool on Saturday morning. On Saturday and Sunday last three Allan liners left for the Old Country. At 6 30 the "Sardinian" left for Glasgow; at 7 30 the "Orontide" left for London, and she was followed by the "Romanian" for Liverpool. These six vessels took on between them upwards of 40,000 tons of cargo in addition to live stock.

LATEST business casualties among country trades in the Province of Quebec are as follows: Michael Hayes, general merchant, Sheenboro', formerly at Rapide des Joachims, is reported to have assigned to the Court. Indiscriminate crediting seems to have been his besetting sin for he failed in 1885 and again in 1891. \$18,000 of very poor book debts having marked his failure in '91.—J. P. Pothier, grocer, Batiscan, is insolvent, with an indebtedness of \$1,300, and assets of \$600. He will be wound up.—Louis Boulet, a laborer, of Beauport, who has been carrying a few hundred dollars worth of general stock, for the last several years, has been asked to assign, and is trying to arrange a compromise.—G. Gagnon, shoes and groceries, Thurso, offers creditors 50 cents on the dollar.—H. Lamarche, a tinsmith at Windsor Mills, is reported as having left the country. He leaves no assets, and has several charges of selling liquor illicitly hanging over him.—A voluntary assignment has been made by E. Cloutier, of Notre Dame du Lac, formerly a telegraph operator but who engaged in store-keeping several years ago.—Israel Masse, general store, Notre Dame de L'Assomption, has failed. He is reported to have been of sporting proclivities, leaving the business management, more or less, to a clerk.—W. A. Richardson, hotel-keeper in Sherbrooke, whose affairs have been occupying the attention of creditors for several weeks past, and against whom a charge was brought of secreting goods, has now assigned. Liabilities are put at \$9,000.—C. Fortin, of Lake Megantic, a storekeeper and beer-bottler, lately burned out, is reported to have asked some indulgence from creditors in the way of a compromise.