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Two small failures are reported from Perth, Ont., Dickinson Bros., who have done a moderate grocery and men's furnishing business since 1897, have made a compromise arrangement with their principal creditors, and have gone out of business.--M. G. Hicks, who began a jewelry business last year, is offering 25 cents. He claims to have been burglarized lately, and a judgment recently appeared against him for \$250.

An offer of 50 cents on the dollar is reported as being made by W. C. Balcom, jeweler, etc., at Hantsport, N.S., as the result of accommodation, to the amount of \$3,600, given Levi & Michaels, a Halifax wholesale firm, who failed some weeks ago. Mr. Balcom has done quite a business in a peddling way for the past dozen years, covering most of the province of Nova Scotia, and disposing of much cheap jewelry. He has also carried on a fruit farm, has raised horses, and of late has done considerable of an apple export business, having put up a cold storage building for this purpose.

THE following are late failures in New Brunswick: W. F. Morris, of Burt's Corners, gave up farming several years ago to go into peddling, and eventually settled into a small store and hotel business. He is now offering 30 cents., half cash, on liabilities of \$1,260.—H. F. Smith, of Upper Haynesville, after some years as a clerk, began business for himself in 1896, succeeding his old employer, E. F. Lawrence. He has not been able to succeed, and now proposes that his creditors accept 25 per cent. of their claims, amounting to \$2,375.--J. L. Richardson, of Albert, is pretty much a similar case, having been previously a clerk, and beginning for himself two years ago, on small capital. He has been slow, and sued during the summer, and is now reported to have arranged a composition at 25 cents. on liabilities of \$2,800. - James Rogers, a St. John grocer, has suspended, and called a meeting of his creditors. He owes about \$2,500 and expects to arrange a compromise.

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