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For the past twelve years E. Duffy, of Morrisburg, Ont., has carried on a small and declining store business, and he is now reported as offering 30 cents, on liabilities of \$1,300 or thereabout.

It appears that the Bank fishing fleet of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, has done well this season. The "Aguadilla" made a catch of 2,100 quintals during the season, and the "Junita" a like catch. These two schooners are the leaders and have made a profitable year's work.

The property at the southwest corner of Victoria Square and Craig Street in Montreal has been sold, it is said, to Mark Fisher & Co., the purchase price being estimated at \$95,000. The property has a Craig Street frontage of 32 feet with 77 feet front on the Square.

The liquidators' statement in the matter of the Dominion Packing Company, of Prince Edward Island, shows receipts of \$10,264, expenditure \$2,639 less preferred, liens \$2,500, balance for distribution \$5,125; net liabilities \$188,933; final dividend 2.71 cents on the dollar.

The Municipal Trenching Company, Limited, Montreal, whose object is to undertake the work of excavating, dredging and removing rock, earth, etc., to make all kinds of machinery connected therewith, has received a Dominion charter. Its capital stock is placed at \$1,000,000. J. W. Harris, of Montreal, and F. C. Austin, of Chicago, Ill., are connected with the new concern.

Among recent purchases from the Robb Engineering Company, Limited, Amherst, N.S., may be mentioned the following: The Canadian Northern Coal & Ore Dock Co., Port Arthur, Ont., one 300 horse-power Robb-Armstrong tandem engine; J. R. Booth, Ottawa, for his new paper mills, two 400 horse-power Robb-Armstrong Corliss engines, one 350 horse-power Robb-Armstrong Corliss engine, and three 100 horse-power; the town of Napanee, Ont., two 200 horse-power Robb-Armstrong Corliss engines, two 150 horse-power return tubular boilers, and one 200 horse-power feed water heater, to be used in their new municipal lighting plant; the town of Westmount (Montreal) two 350 horse-power Robb-Armstrong vertical engines for their new municipal lighting plant.

Country failures in Quebec Province are noted as follows: J. P. Guay, a general dealer of St. Elzear, is making offer of 30 per cent. cash, on liabilities of about \$9,000. He suffered from fire loss several weeks ago, and it is understood his father holds part of the insurance, as security, it is presumed, for advances made.—R. A. Weilbrenner, formerly a dry goods clerk in Quebec City, and in business for himself in a small way since 1901, at Portneuf, has been obliged to assign. He is said to owe about \$1,800.—Alberic Frechette, a tinsmith of Daveluyville, has assigned, and H. Desautels, in the same line of business

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at St. Hyacinthe, is reported as offering his creditors 25 per cent. of their claims.

—H. Potvin has long been engaged as a general merchant at Ste. Louise, but not very successfully. Only a few years ago he was reported in trouble, and now his affairs are in the hands of the assignee, who has instructions to close out the estate.—S. Simard & Frere, carrying on a small grocery and hotel business at Normandin, on the north shore of the St. Lawrence, below Quebec, have assigned, with small liabilities, mostly due in Quebec.

The peddler is making himself known in our prairie West. "Successful Agriculture" in its September issue comes down hard on the tea merchant on wheels; the book vendor; perfume, soap, and novelty merchant, who visit farms with pack on back or driving a trap. And they are the worse hated it seems, because supposed to come from the East! We quote a paragraph from this paper, published in Brandon, which calls Ontario "another country": "It will surprise our readers when we state that we know a family of peddlers that sell tea throughout the West. They live in the winter in a palatial residence in Ontario. Their wives were in Brandon this summer dressed in silks; yet they tell the farmer that their goods are cheaper, better, etc., etc. Farmers, why do you swallow this smooth talk? Why do you give your money to building up some fossil town or village in Ontario? Haven't you staked your future with the West and on the West? Yes. Then be loyal to the West and the people in the West. Down with this "parasite peddler." He may apparently be a nice fellow and his goods may look good, but that shouldn't matter. It's the fact that he is from another country. Turn him down cold next time."

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