

ON Saturday next, the furniture stock of O. J. Mitchell, at Ingersoll, will be sold by auction.—The tailoring stock of H. Bapty has been sold to Ross Bros. at 61 per cent.

J. M. BOUCHARD & Co., a small general store concern at Pointe a Pic on the Lower St. Lawrence, have assigned on the demand of a Quebec house. They owe \$1,625, all told.

THE town of Ridgetown, Ont., sold its \$12,311 railway bonus debentures to Mr. G. A. Stimson, of Toronto, for the sum of \$12,978.67. This is between 5 and 6 per cent. premium, which is considered a very good price.

MISS MARIA SPLATT has been for over fifteen years in the millinery business at Dunnville, and was believed some years ago to be in a good financial position. Not being satisfied with her location, she made several changes to different stands in the village, and now she makes an assignment.

H. REIMER, general storekeeper at Langenburg, Man., has assigned after one year's trial of business life.—A bailiff is in possession of the butcher shop of Braden Bros., Winnipeg. In February last they claimed a surplus of over \$5,000. We have not heard the cause of their trouble.

JAMES LINDSAY failed as a general storekeeper at Apsley, Ont., in 1888. Shortly afterward the business was carried on in the name of his wife, Annie, whose creditors held a meeting a week ago. Then it was decided that Henry Barber should take stock and report the result, which will no doubt end in a compromise.

THE sheriff is in possession of the property of the Buse Milling Co., at Vancouver, B.C. Within a year, about a dozen judgments and a chattel mortgage for \$26,000 has been recorded against the concern.—The effects have been sold of R. Campbell, who had leased the bar of the Driad hotel, at Victoria, for \$450 per month, but has got behind in his payments.

E. MURPHY, harness maker, Orillia, is in trouble. Although in business quite a number of years, he now finds that his obligations of some \$1,500 far exceed the little he has to pay with.—Three years ago Moses Blackstock was considered incompetent to carry on his general store at Thornton. At that time the creditors transferred the business to his wife, she being honest and respectable. She now finds herself financially involved and offers creditors 50 per cent. payable in ten months.

AFTER being in Southampton over a quarter of a century as a general storekeeper, A. Lindsay was successful up to 1886, when he was reported to be worth a considerable sum. Since then there has been a gradual falling off in his trade, and it has been a losing game for a year or two. Now we hear of his assignment. His principal indebtedness is to one house in this city.

J. O. LABELLE, a dry goods merchant in the east end of Montreal, has assigned after a meeting of his creditors on the 12th inst. He was formerly of Dupuis & Labelle, who dissolved on February the 1st, when a surplus was claimed for the firm of \$11,000. Mr. Labelle's share has now apparently shrunk to \$800. Liabilities are somewhere about \$20,000.—Fréchette & Co., dealers in machinery at Montreal, have assigned. Like most good mechanics of inventive turn, Mr. Fréchette is apparently a poor business manager, for he failed before in St. Hyacinthe before coming here.

A few years ago Mr. Fred Marr was a prosperous dealer in leather and shoe findings, at Barrie, and was estimated worth over \$20,000. Being good-natured and accommodating, he has by imprudence in speculating, loaning and endorsing, lost nearly all; and now the sheriff has taken possession of any assets he may have.—M. Cahill, contractor, at Nosbonsing, has assigned.—About nine months ago, Mrs. S. Macfarlane, who made some money out of groceries at Wallaceburg, opened a fancy goods business; being unable to meet her payments, she has arranged a compromise.

RIOPEL & BOURDON, a Montreal lumber firm, in existence only about a couple of years, have been served with a demand of assignment. They began on limited capital and have attempted too much, having also been running a branch business, under the style of Depatie & Co.—A second lumber firm in Montreal, Bourgoïn & Thibault, are reported embarrassed, and have been asked to assign. Mr. Thibault, who has been the only partner for the last two years, has been seriously hampered for lack of active capital, and has been working along at a great disadvantage for some time past.

THERE are several failures to note in this city this week. Among them that of Jasper Wenman, butcher, whose business is closed owing to family trouble.—After being about thirteen years in the retail tea trade, E. S.

Clarke, who had at one time two stores, has failed. But this is not the first trouble. In August, 1891, Mr. Clarke assigned with liabilities of \$8,000 and assets about \$1,000 less. The business was then offered for sale, when his wife purchased the Queen street stock at 69 per cent. Being unable to make a success of the business for his wife, she has assigned to W. A. Campbell.—About five years ago D. L. Gordon started as jeweller here and did fairly well for a time. He made some investments in real estate, however, which have not proved satisfactory, and now he assigns. A meeting of his creditors will be held on Wednesday next.—An offer of compromise at 20 per cent. is made to the creditors of Wm. Coulter, coal dealer here.—The prior assignment of Standish & Reid, makers of billiard tables, being declared illegal, they again assigned, followed by a dissolution, Standish retiring with \$500, Reid continuing the manufacture of billiard tables, and agreeing to pay creditors in full.

FOR GROCERS.

Reports from France and Portugal are to the effect that sardines are running very scarce, and that packing is restricted.

The sockeye fishing, which is of so much importance to the British Columbia canneries, has now commenced in earnest.

The sardine fisheries at St. Andrew's, N.B., are now giving very good returns, and large shipments are being made to Eastport, Maine.

Under the name of the Peerless Canning Co., Messrs. W. C. Woodworth & Sons will can finnan haddies at Delap's Cove, N.S.

Mr. D. Naismith, jr., of Guelph, has been admitted as partner in the wholesale grocery firm of Turner, McKeand & Co., of Winnipeg.

The Rathbun Lumber Co. will, in a few weeks, start shipping basswood tea chests to the Duckwire Tea Co., of Ceylon, which used to get its tea chests in Japan.

Perkins, Ince & Co. are receiving their first shipment of their "Sailor Boy" brand Japan tea, which has been so well received by the trade.

American dealers are reported to be making large purchases of raspberries in and about Montreal, one dealer, it is said, having already contracted for about 10,000 buckets of this small fruit at 70c. per bucket.

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