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Ontario.**Mercantile Summary.**It is announced that the New Van-
couver Coal Co. is about to start oper-
ations on the Harewood and Southfield
coal mines, near Nanaimo, which have
been abandoned for some years.It is announced that Quebec will soon
have another grain elevator of even
larger capacity than the one now being
completed, if the harbor commissioners
can grant the request of the western
trade for the necessary accommodation
on the Louise embankment.The assignment, on demand, is report-
ed of Arthur Matte, a retail hardware
dealer, of Quebec. He only began busi-
ness in 1898 with the assistance of his
father.—Archibald Brown, a wrecker, of
the same city, has been asked to assign,
by J. McNider & Co., bankers.It is reported that the War Eagle and
Centre Star companies, operating near
Rossland, are about to build a smelter
for the treatment of their own ores. The
mines are being steadily developed,
though shipments are not going forward
for the present.J. M. CASSIDY, of Chatham, N.B., a
painter by trade, after working for some
years in the United States, returned sev-
eral years ago, and started a grocery
business, which has proved unsuccessful,
and he has assigned to the sheriff. Li-
abilities are estimated at about \$5,000.G. F. BEVERLY, a hardware retailer, of
St. John, N.B., who began business
three years ago, has made an assignment
of his estate. He was burned out last
May, and the insurance companies have
been contesting a settlement, owing, it is
said, to his carrying a stock of explosives
without a permit.A SPECIAL to the Mail and Empire
states that on the 17th inst., the Mayor
of Brockville delivered the bonds for the
purchase of the plant of the Light and
Power Co. to W. H. Comstock, ex-M.P.,
and received a cheque for \$101,082. Of
this, \$85,000 was forthwith paid over to
the company for the plant. The value of
the stock, tools, fuel, etc., still remains
to be settled.BUSINESS troubles are reported from
Ottawa, as follows: John Roos, a well
known tobacconist, established for many
years, has assigned, owing, it is reported,
to accommodation given to the lately
insolvent cigar manufacturing firm of
Smith, Fischel & Co., of St. Jerome,
Que. He has had much bitter experience
from this same cause in the past, un-
wise endorsements having wrought his
failure in 1878, and it is said he was also
a sufferer through accommodation to H.
Swain & Son, cigar manufacturers, who
failed three or four years ago.—The as-
signment is also reported of the Wm.
Lamb Manufacturing Co., biscuits, etc.,
who were burned out at the late great
fire, and who never resumed business.
Their insurance of \$12,000 is said to have
mostly gone to their bankers, who held
the policies as security.—A. Gervais, a
laundryman, whose plant, etc., was under
chattel mortgage, is reported insolvent.**THE TORONTO GENERAL
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