It is reported from St. John, N.B., that the difficulties of the wholesale dry goods house of W. C. Pitfield & Co., have finally been arranged by a composition at 45 cents, 20 cents cash, and 25 cents secured. payable in 6 and 12 months.

CORBEIL & LEVEILLE, sash and door manufacturers, Montreal, have filed consent to assign. In 1897 they compromised liabilities of \$25,500 at 30 cents on the dollar.—J. E. Labrecque, a Montreal grocer, has also consented to assign. owing about \$2,000.—A similar course of action has been adopted by John Dewitt, jr., flour merchant.

By a majority of 749 in a total vote of 847 the property owners of Owen Sound have approved the by-law granting to the Messrs. Hay a ten-year loan of \$15,000 to assist in rebuilding and enlarging their chair factory, destroyed by fire on January 26th. Machinery is already in operation in the new rooms, and a large 70 horse-power engine has been received for the sawmill.

In September, 1897, M. P. Fralick bought the shoe business of J. B. Waller at Niagara Falls South. In doing this he had the financial assistance of his father. After finding that he could not make any money he went into an assignee's hands.——After nearly twenty years' tailoring in London Thos. Pethick finds himself in trouble, for he cannot meet his payments. He offers creditors 50 per cent. of their claims. If this is not accepted an assignment will be made. He carries a stock of nearly \$10,000 worth of goods, and his liabilities have not yet been ascertained.

THE failure is reported of J. C. A. Sioui, dry goods dealer, Quebec. He is a native of the Indian village of Ancienne Lorette, and started storekeeping about a year ago, calculating on doing business with a country connection. He was unfortunate in being burned out last month.

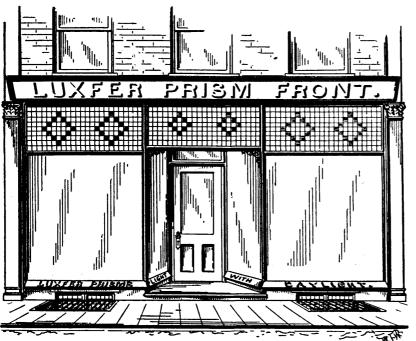
A GENERAL merchant of Magog, Que.. A. G. Dolloff, became infected with the Klondyke fever last spring, and left his business in the care of his wife, while he went off to tempt fortune. He returned home last fall, and his affairs had evidently not prospered during his absence. Now a demand of assignment has been made upon him by the Eastern Townships Bank.

As the result of several recent suits H. Roberge, postmaster and general dealer at St. Evariste de Forsythe, Que., has assigned. He has not been thought a closely attentive business man, and was apparently more or less dependent upon assistance from his father.--V. Ulric Fiset, of Ancienne Lorette, Que., reported lately as insolvent, is offering his creditors 30 cents.—C. A. Oullette began a small general business at Cap St. Ignace. Que., in 1895, and has never shown signs of much prosperity. A recent suit by a Quebec creditor seems to have hastened his assignment.—Another short-timer is G. E. Harvey, who started a grocery business at Pointe au Pic, Que., last spring, and who has now assigned.----George Lavoie, St. Octave de Metis, Que., who failed several weeks ago, is offering 30

TORONTO STOCK TRANS-ACTIONS.

The stringency in the money market still continues, with the result that business on the Toronto Stock Exchange continues dull with further declines in the prices of most stocks.

Bank of Montreal, 1 at 250; Merchants' Bank of Canada, 50 at 182; Bank of Commerce, 181 at 149-150; Imperial Bank, 11 at 214; Dominion Bank, 200 at 2621/2-265; Bank of Hamilton, 21 at 191-1911/2; British America Assurance Co., 59 at 1271/2-128; Western Assurance Co., 170 at 166-1661/4; National Trusts Co., 45 at 1291/2-130; Canada N. W. Land Co., pref., 10 at 531/2; C.P.R. Stock, 1,622 at 847/8-861/4; Toronto Electric Light Co., 65 at 140-1421/2; Toronto Electric Light Co., new, 20 at 139; Canadian General Electric Co., 185 at 15378-154; Commercial Cable, x.d., 210 at 185-18534 Commercial Cable, reg. bonds, \$45,500 at 104-105; Crow's Nest Coal Co., 11 at 172-180; Twin City Railway, 205 at 691/2-701/4; Payne Mining Co., 1,200 at 155 163; Empress Mining Co., 2,000 at 8-9; Bell Telephone Co., 36 at 177; Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Co., 1,475 at 1081/2-11078; Toronto Railway Co., 1,075 at 1117/8-116; Hamilton Electric Light Co., 40 at 80; War Eagle Mining Co., 42,400 at 336-3481/2; Cariboo (McKinney), Consolidated Mining Co., 4,000 at 158-1601/3; Canada Landed & National Investment Co., 72 at 105; Freehold Loan Co., 20 per cent., 15 at 80; Huron & Erie Loan Co., 29 at 180; Manitoba Loan Co., 236



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