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Mercantile Summary.

J. S. YATES, who began a drug business at Athens, Ont., in the fall of 1890, has assigned. Not being a qualified druggist, he had at first to use a borrowed name, and has labored under other disadvantages. — A general dealer named W. D. Annable at Avonmore, Ont., has assigned. He began business without capital of any consequence just two years ago, and showed a lack of business aptitude.

Some surprise is expressed at Thos. Potts, a Brantford tinsmith, arranging a compromise with creditors at 40 per cent., for he was considered as being in fair financial shape. ---- S. W. Lloyd, who was making a bare living as a grocer at Croyden, has assigned.—Two years ago A. J. McTavish succeeded to the dry goods business of James Pickard, at Exeter, being assisted, it was understood, by a leading wholesale house in Toronto. The business not being conducted satisfactorily, it has been closed by the house in question.

In the Province of Quebec we note the following failures: J. A. Desilets, dealing in hardware, etc., at Louisville, has compromised at 50 cents in the dollar. He started business four years ago, but his habits have not always been such as to inspire confidence in his success. Liabilities are about \$4,500.——At Labaie, J. B. Carriere, who began keeping a small store in 1888, has been asked to assign. -F. X. Dupre, hotel keeper at St. Simon, has compromised his liabilities of \$2,500 at 35 cents on the dollar.—A Quebec tobacconist named O. Grenier, who has been in business less than a year, is reported to be seeking a composition.

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