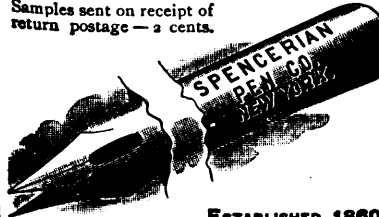


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Mercantile Summary.

Two Nova Scotia traders, C. R. Bown, doing a small grocery and confectionery business, at Sydney, N.S., and E. D. McQuarrie, a small general dealer, at Alexander, have found it necessary to assign.

In Nov., 1892, Campbell & Shane dissolved partnership as dry goods dealers, in Windsor, Ont. Since that date, C. S. Campbell has continued the business. Owing to the sale of some bankrupt stocks in that place, the last year has been a very trying one for him. We hear of his assignment this week, and it is thought his liabilities will be about \$25,000.

HAVING engaged in the furniture and under taking business in Collingwood some years, Alfred Chellew made some money. Afterward he handled boots, and later men's furnishings. He moved into larger premises last year, and thereby added to his expenses. Lately he found trade backward, and in order to realize sent some goods to the auction room. Now we hear that he assigns, with liabilities of \$18,000, and nominal assets only \$8,000. A meeting of his creditors will be held to-day.

It is something like twelve years since Geo. Eberle & Co. opened a tailoring shop in Owen Sound. A few years afterward men's furnishings were added to the stock, but this did not appear to help them very much. Lately they have found business very dull, and several claims have been put into the hands of solicitors for collection. So they assign.—A small dealer in tobaccos, etc., named Bruce W. Rickey, in Peterboro, assigned, after one year in business.—Another assignment is that of A. Hoover, coal dealer, Toronto Junction.

A SUBSCRIBER in Montreal, who has read the story in our issue of 31st December, entitled "A Great North-West Work Interrupted," writes that the natives of Ashantee in Africa have made a similar use of telegraph wire to that mentioned by Wm. Jennings, C.E., as having characterized the British Columbia Indians in 1874. A telegraph line has lately been erected to Coomassie from the sea coast, and the natives along the route have been cutting off the wire in suitable lengths to make armlets and anklets.

A GENERAL dealer of Victoriaville, Que., J. C. Thibault, has assigned. He was originally a tinsmith, and has been "a rolling stone" in the past. He built quite a fine store in Victoriaville, largely on borrowed capital, it is said, and despite his lack of experience, etc., has evidently found credit cheap, and has been able to run up liabilities of some \$15,000.—St. Hyacinthe furnishes its third dry goods failure since the New Year, H. D. Gagnon, having assigned on demand, owing about \$12,000.—D. H. Godbout, a trader of St. Marcel, is offering 50 per cent. cash, on small liabilities.—P. A. Cloutier, of Notre Dame du Lac, who has kept a small store and hotel for some 30 years, is also offering 50 cents.

IN March, 1895, S. W. Davis succeeded his mother, who had a small stock of crockery and teas in Barrie. Having more extensive ideas, he soon increased his stock to \$1,000. Lately he has been slow in meeting his bills, was threatened with suit, and this is followed by an assignment.—The bailiff is in possession of the premises of J. D. Brown, manufacturer of pop, etc. His effects have been mortgaged for more than a year, and he has not been attentive to business.—A bailiff is also in possession of R. Kirkpatrick, shoe dealer in London, for arrears of interest on mortgage and for taxes. He owes \$2,000 on his stock.—In the same city the creditors of John R. Gurd, broom manufacturer, are offered 40 per cent of their claims. His statement shows a surplus of \$1,200 on liabilities of \$7,600.

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