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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office, south-west corner of Adelaide and Victoria sts., Toronto, on Wednesday, 3rd February next, at noon,

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A DEMAND of assignment has been made upon Bazile Lauzon, jr., general dealer at St. David d'Yamaska, Que. He was formerly a peddler. H. A. Belisle, a hotel keeper at St. Agathe des Monts, owes some \$5,000, on which he suggests that his creditors accept 50 cents, payable in 60 days. --- Joseph Clouthier of St. Raymond, Que., farmer and brickmaker, has been forced

ABOUT a month ago we noted that S. L. Hahn & Co., dealers in clothing at Hanover, were asking an extension of time, but creditors were unwilling to give them one year as requested, consequently they assign. --- Not much more than a year ago, W. H. Tonkin gave up teaching school, and with a little capital which his wife had he opened a small store in Leskard. This money has gone and he has assigned.

Considerable comment has been occasioned in Montreal by the unaccounted for absence of Mr. Romeo Prevost, accountant and assignee, and last spring elected an alderman. Mr. Prevost belongs to a highly respectable family. being a son of the Amable Prevost, in his lifetime a very prominent wholesale merchant, and his disappearance is hard to account for. On the petition of a creditor, the court has ordered a meeting to be held of those interested.

It is hard to imagine a more pronounced change than that made by W. A. Burrage. when he left his position as a bank clerk to become a country hotel keeper at Bedford, Que. In his case is the old adage verified, that "It takes a mighty smart man to run a hotel," for Mr. B, though he may possibly have been smart, has not, apparently, been able to make a success of it, and he is reported to be seeking an arrangement with his creditors at 40 cents on the dollar.

An important change is to be noted in the Montreal wholesale crockery trade. A new joint stock company is being formed, under the style of the John L. Cassidy Company, Ltd., to take over the business long carried on under the style of J. L. Cassidy & Co., and also that of late carried on by the Canada Crockery Importing Company, who succeeded the late firm of Douglass & McNiece The principal shareholders will be the partners in the firm of J. L. Cassidy & Co., along with Messrs. Wm Yuile and David Williamson, of the well-known firm of W. & D. Yuile.

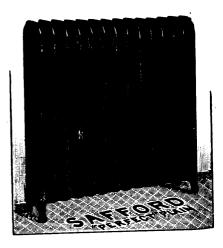
CHATHAM, N.B., is one of the oldest towns in the Province of New Brunswick. It commands a view of Northumberland strait, and is within an easy sailing distance of Prince Edward Island. There are several important manufacturing industries here: among these are the Maritime Sulphate Pulp Works, under the management of J. J. Stuart, which, when working full time, give employment to some 200 hands. The Snowball mills adjoining cut large quantities of spruce lumber, for the English market principally. These industries cover several acres of ground. Among the good stores in the town are those of J. D. Creaghan, R. R. Murdoch, W. S. Logie, and W. T. Harris. There are two bank branches in Chatham, the Bank of Montreal and the Bank of Nova Scotia.

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