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On Sunday morning last a fire in the premises of Ontario Box Co., Hamilton, destroyed some 10,000 completed wooden boxes and a million feet of lumber. The loss is probably \$40,000; insurance partial.

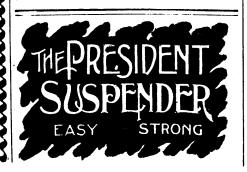
The Ormstown Bulletin says: "Harvesting will be nearly completed in this section by the end of the week. The oat yield was never heavier, and wheat is also well up to the average, while the heads of corn which will be exhibited at the fall shows will surprise most people." This refers to the portion of the Eastern Townships of Quebec which lies south of Montreal and near the St. Lawrence.

PIGEON & Co., dealers in dry goods, etc., Ottawa, have assigned. Mr. H. H. Pigeon, the principal of the firm, has been in business many years, but with a slim measure of success. His last previous failure was in 1896, when he arranged at 25 cents on the dollar. He afterwards did business for a while in Plantagenet, but returned to Ottawa last spring.

LAFONTAINE & POIRIER, of Drummondville, Que., who started in the grocerv line two years ago, have found it necessary to assign. One partner is a watchmaker by trade, and the other had been municipal secretary, etc., and though industrious men, with a very fair personal connection, they seemed to lack the necessary knowledge of business detail. A year ago they increased their stock, going into a general assortment, and have evidently over-bought.

An offer of compromise is being made by Thadee Hebert, of Edmundston. N.B., who has been doing a hotel business for a dozen years. He owes \$2,200, and proposes a settlement at 35 cents.—Campbell Bros., grocers, of McAdam Junction. in the same province, were lately reported as offering, through their lawyer, a compromise at 50 cents, on liabilities of about \$2,500. Their offer has apparently not met with favor, as they have now assigned to the sheriff for the general benefit.

F. P. Bruno has been a well-doing blacksmith for several years at Lyster Station, Quebec. Some time ago he branched out into agricultural implements, in which line he also seemed to do fairly well, but becoming over-ambitious, he last year built a store and laid in a stock of general hardware, furniture, etc. This last venture was more than his capital or his limited business experience warranted, and his voluntary assignment is reported to Messrs. Lamarche & Benoit, a Montreal firm of accountants. His liabilities are placed at \$4,000, with assets approximately the same.



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