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Mercantile Summary.

H. F. SMITH, doing a general store business at Upper Hainesville, N.B., and who made a proposition a few weeks ago to pay his creditors 25 cents on the dollar, has now assigned to the sheriff.—Frank Keenan, who has been doing a small tailoring trade at Chatham, N.B., for the past three years, is reported offering 30 cents on the dollar.

A NOTICE has been issued by the C.P.R. again warning grain shippers against overloading cars, which is liable to cause broken axles. Shipping agents have been instructed to detain any cars that they suspect of being overloaded, and should they be found to contain more than the authorized amount it will be removed at the shipper's expense, and a charge made of \$2 for each day, or part of day, during which the car is held.

F. X. LASALLE & FILS, the Montreal retail shoe firm reported recently as seeking extension favors, have now assigned to the Court, and show liabilities of \$12,622.—J. Roston, alias Rostonski, another Montreal shoe dealer also lately referred to as in trouble, has assigned, owing \$8,340.—In the same city, John Lane, saloon-keeper, has filed consent to assign, and J. U. Hamarilt, a small suburban grocer, has followed suit.

THE embarrassment is noted of J. B. Drolet, a manufacturer of slippers and shoes in a moderate way, at Ancienne Lorette. He was formerly a factory foreman in Quebec, commencing the manufacture of turned work in a small way about eleven years ago, and did very fairly for a time, but some weakness in habits is said to account for his present troubles. He is reported offering 40 cents on liabilities of about \$10,000.

THE Government crop report for Nova Scotia says: Total yield of hay is behind crop of 1898; the oat crop has reached 110, as compared with 84 last year. Wheat stands 104, as compared with 99. Barley stands 100, as compared with 89. Rye 98, as compared with 96. Buckwheat 98, as compared with 86. Beans 96, as compared with 90. Peas fall slightly behind last year. Potatoes 109, as compared with 68. Mangels and turnips fairly good. The fruit crop far exceeded anticipations in the early part of the season.

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