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Ontario.**Mercantile Summary.**W. W. RUTHVEN, broker and banker, of
Montreal, has assigned at demand of J.
W. Henderson. Liabilities, nearly \$12,-
000.THE financial troubles of Hemingway &
Waller, general storekeepers at Carman,
Manitoba, were referred to in these col-
ums a short time ago. Since then an
assignee has been called to take charge of
their business.F. J. BOYCE went from Huntsville, a
town of over 2,000 inhabitants, to Have-
lock, where there are about 1,000 people,
hoping to better himself. His business is
that of tailoring. He has made no head-
way in the latter place, but has made an
assignment.ABOUT a year ago Geo. M. Ashley stated
verbally that he was worth \$5,000, in
Oshawa, where he conducted a dry goods
and grocery business. His widow, for he
has since died, is now trying to compro-
mise liabilities of \$2,600 at a rate of 25
cents on the dollar. The assets amount to
1,600. This business was opened in June,
1894.IN Montreal, during the year ended
with June last, the liquor license com-
missioners report that they considered 485
applications for shop licenses, while the
number of applications for hotel and
restaurant licenses considered was 529.
The number of certificates granted were
310 for restaurant licenses, 90 for hotels,
and one for a temperance hotel. Seventy-
six applications were withdrawn and fifty-
two refused. Four hundred and thirty-
seven certificates were granted for shop
licenses, twenty-six for wholesale and re-
tail, and two for wine shops.**BOOT AND SHOE FAILURES.**From Ottawa there is reported a batch
of boot and shoe failures, the most im-
portant among them being that of Isaiah
Pratt & Co., a name which does not hold a
wholly enviable record in the boot and
shoe trade of this country. Mr. Pratt was
first in business in Ottawa away back in
the seventies, unsuccessfully, and was in
the same business afterward in the United
States and in Hamilton. He returned
eastward in 1890, and took over the busi-
ness of Pratt & West, who had become
involved. He failed in 1896, when his
wife offered creditors 50 cents on the dol-
lar, which creditors refused, and the as-
signee was instructed to proceed with the
sale of the estate. Mrs. Pratt eventually
became the purchaser of the estate, and
the business has since been carried on in
her name. The present proposition is to
pay creditors 60 per cent. on liabilities of
\$17,000, in three, six, nine, and twelve
months.—John Buchanan, who started
as a merchant in the boot and shoe line
in 1888, has assigned, and is said to owe
\$13,000. The business when first started
was reported to be largely a supply account,
of the firm of Pratt & West.—N. Can-
tin, first began to make footwear, in a
custom way, eventually putting in a small
ready-made stock. His liabilities are re-
ported light.**THE TORONTO GENERAL
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