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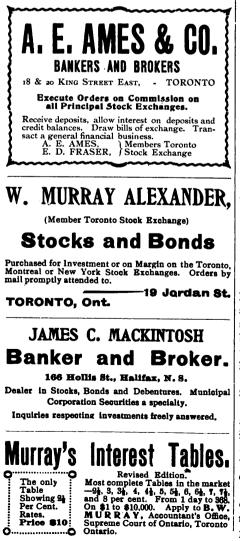
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assignee has been called to take charge of their business. F. J. BOYCE went from Huntsville, a

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town of over 2,000 inhabitants, to Havelock, where there are about 1,000 people, hoping to better himself. His business is that of tailoring. He has made no headway 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 dide, is now trying to compromise 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 commissioners 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. Seventysix applications were withdrawn and fiftytwo refused. Four hundred and thirtyseven certificates were granted for shop licenses, twenty-six for wholesale and retail, and two for wine shops.

## BOOT AND SHOE FAILURES.

From Ottawa there is reported a batch of boot and shoe failures, the most important 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 business of Pratt & West, who had become involved. He failed in 1896, when his wife offered creditors 50 cents on the dollar, which creditors refused, and the assignee 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 reported light.

