

THE creditors of the W. J. McGolpin Mfg. Co. in this city met on Tuesday last. The assignees, Messrs. Blackley & Anderson, presented a statement showing assets of only \$2,500 to \$3,000, with liabilities of upward of \$50,000. The Central Bank claim amounts to \$17,000. It was decided to wind up the estate.

STEBEN & McBREARTY, a firm of plumbers in Brockville, are reported in difficulties with liabilities stated at about \$12,000. The firm has only been in existence since last September, though both had previously been in business separately, McBrearty not successfully, having made a composition a short time before going into this firm. A meeting of creditors is called for the 20th.

BEING unable to meet maturing liabilities, J. W. Walker & Co., founders, at Belleville, are asking creditors for an extension of eight months. The firm has been hard up for some time, a condition which may have been aggravated by the slowness of their collections. Those interested are mostly Montreal houses.

When he found it necessary to call a meeting of his creditors in July last, J. W. Jackson, jeweller, at St. Catharines, showed liabilities of \$7,000. He has now assigned.

Nearly all the creditors of J. F. Austin & Co., wholesale jewellers in this city, are American. The firm has assigned owing about \$8,700.

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A GENERAL dealer in a small way at Becancour, Que., named Charles Landry, has assigned. His liabilities are limited, under \$1,000, assets nominally in excess.—A demand of assignment has been made upon Geo. Guay, general storekeeper, Yamachiche. He began business in 1887 without much capital, and with a stock of goods unsuited to the locality, so that his success has been always questionable.

ARCHIBALD McNAIR, of New Richmond, Que., is a country shoemaker with a large family, who thought he would try and supplement his earnings on the bench by the anticipated profits of a small store business. Accordingly he laid in a stock of goods a few years ago. His anticipations have not been realized. In 1887 he had to seek a compromise, and to-day he is in the hands of a trustee. His liabilities are comparatively small.

THE *Canadian Horticulturist* says that the peach crop this season in the Niagara district promises to be fairly good, and this will be a great boon to many fruit-growers who have felt much discouragement during the last few years, in which not only has the peach crop failed, but the prices of small fruits have been so low as to leave little profit, and the apple orchard has been in some cases only a bill of expense. The peach buds are now swelling, and they are bright and healthy in appear-

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ance. Of the hardier kinds there will be more than the trees should bear, while of the tender varieties there will be a fair crop, unless, of course, some disaster yet befalls them.

At the fourth annual sale of cattle held in New York on the 14th by the American Breeders' Association, 75 head of registered Holstein-Friesians were disposed of at very low prices, \$150 being the highest figure reached and was paid for a cow with a record of 70 pounds of milk in one day. The attendance was small.

QUITTING his original calling, that of a traveller, for the wholesale boot and shoe line in this city, C. E. Kerr has found his brief experience unsatisfactory to himself and, we should say, to his creditors also. They have accepted a settlement of 40 cents in the dollar on \$9,000, due principally to Montreal firms.

A. Z. Detwiler, an axe manufacturer in Galt, has assigned. He seems to have been handicapped from lack of capital, and since the dissolution of a previous partnership has confessed to insufficient confidence in his own ability.

MESSRS. BICKERDIKE's report of live stock shipped from Canadian ports to Great Britain shows a total of 2,705 cattle and 89 sheep on seven steamers for the week ending May 11th. The cattle were as under:

Steamer.	For.	Cattle.
Norwegian	Glasgow	548
Lake Superior	Liverpool	690
Concordia	Liverpool	408
Texas	Bristol	311
Nestorian	Glasgow	254
Dracona	London	180
Lake Nepigon	Liverpool	314
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