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Mercantile Summary.

WE reported that Wintermute Bros., furniture dealers, were financially embarrassed by the New Westminster fire. Now they have made an assignment.

A QUEBEC dealer in hardware, Mrs. F. Dumas, has made a judicial abandonment of her estate, and a meeting of creditors is called for the 15th inst. The business is quite an old established one, and she has continued it ever since the death of her husband, about 1880, but affairs have of late fallen into bad shape, and suits were quite frequent. She shows liabilities of \$7,202, with nominal assets of \$8,300.

At the annual meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association, held lately in Baltimore, the statement was made that the total number of druggists, both wholesale and retail, in the United States, has been steadily declining for the last three years. Retailers decreased in number from 37,664, in 1896, to 35,467 in 1898. In the same period wholesale dealers decreased from 296 to 284. This decline was attributed to the competition of department stores.

A DEALER in scales, safes, and general store furniture, in Montreal, F. M. Sullivan, has filed consent to assign, a demand having been made upon him, and owes \$11,000 odd. A lack of proper attention to business is alleged as the main cause of his lack of success, and an attempt for municipal honors, at the last elections, in which he made a very poor showing, certainly did not help matters. —L. Provost, a grocer and baker of the same city, has made a voluntary assignment, and owes about \$5,000.

THE Toronto Flower and Feather Co., Limited, has been incorporated; capital, \$10,000; to make, buy and deal in artificial flowers and millinery ornaments. Four Toronto persons and one from Brockville are the parties. Another company incorporated in Ontario is the Anderson Fish Company, of Victoria Harbor, Limited, capital, \$10,000; parties, John J. Anderson and other Canadians, and Edward Michael Dixon, of New York city. The Wellings Manufacturing Company, of Toronto, Limited, capital \$20,000, will make and deal in jewelry, notions, toys and fancy goods.

In the New Brunswick Royal Gazette there is notice of application for incorporation of the Hartt Boot & Shoe Co., Limited, at Fredericton. Proposed capital, \$100,000.

In August, 1894, J. B. Brooks succeeded Wm. Cross in the general store business at Fenella. Before that he was a Cobourg merchant, but an unsuccessful one. He has assigned again.

Now here, now there; sometimes running one hotel, sometimes another; and then out of business altogether. Such was the career of Edwin Smith, lately hotel-keeper at Fort William, who has made an assignment. He kept hotel at one time or other in many parts of that town, and his last move was to the Manitoba, which seems to have been built in a very unhandy situation.

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