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A WEEKLY FINANCIAL, COMMERCIAL &
GENERAL TRADE NEWSPAPER OF THE GREAT WEST.

A small baker at Quebec, by name, Napoleon Lamothe, has abandoned his estate to his creditors. He owes \$3,000, and shows assets of about \$800.

Mrs. Helen Laberge, who conducted a hotel business at Ottawa, for the benefit of her husband who was unsuccessful in business several years ago, has assigned.

R. C. Wright's cheese-box factory and planing mill at Thorndale, Ont., were on the 3rd inst., destroyed by fire at a loss of \$6,000, insured for only \$1,000.

The Universal Ideal Coal Company, of Montreal and Portland, Me., purposes to erect a peat manufacturing plant near St. Hyacinthe, P.Q., where some excellent peat lands exist.

The creditors of J. A. Bourget, a small store keeper at Lac aux Sables, Que., and whose failure has already been noted, have received an offer of 60 cents in the dollar for their claims, which they have accepted.

Two small failures which occurred last week are those of Delphis Coulombe, general store, of Villroy, Que., who assigned to V. E. Paradis, of Quebec, and of Louis Deslandes, confectionery, of Granby, Que. His assets are to be sold on July 7th, and estate wound up.

From Quebec it is learned that Elzear Cote, a currier and leather merchant, has compromised \$7,000 of liabilities at 20 cents in the dollar, cash. His assets are stated to be about \$5,000. He has been in business a number of years, but always in a moderate way.—L. V. Dion, who conducts the St. Louis Hotel, also at Quebec, has consulted his creditors lately with a view to obtaining an extension of time.

The assignment of the Canada Paper Box Co., which occurred on June 27th ult., was not altogether a surprise to those in the paper trade. The business, while not an extensive one, was believed to be yielding fair returns, and the firm's difficulties are attributed to unprofitable outside interests of one of the partners. The estate is in the hands of the curator, who is preparing a statement.

For a man of 30, L. J. Giroux, hotel keeper of Berthierville, Que., has had a rathered checkered career. He commenced business in 1894 on small capital, but failed in March, 1903, for \$22,149. His assets were about \$4,500. He resumed in the groceries, liquors, and hardware business in his wife's name, but sold out at 80 cents in the dollar the following year. In the spring of 1904 he started his present business, but having had no previous experience in this line, his failure of last week was not a surprise. He is said to have suffered by fire in 1901.

LAW AND ORDER IN CHICAGO.

A correspondent of ours in Chicago sends us particulars of an incident which took place on 29th ult., in that city, in which a negro special policeman shot and killed a lad named Mejedly, aged 15 years. Several boys, it seems, headed by young Mejedly, began calling the policeman names as he was passing Leavitt Street on an Eighteenth street-car, and several workmen on the car joined in the tirade. The negro left the car and started south in Leavitt Street. He was followed by the boys and several men, and soon a mob of 500 persons had joined in the chase. The officer fired once in the air and the mob closed in on him. Then, he declared, in order to protect himself, he fired a bullet directly at his pursuers. It took effect in the boy's right side and he fell to the street. The shooting enraged the crowd and more serious trouble was averted only by the arrival of a wagon load of officers. The mob was dispersed, the negro officer was arrested. The fatality is interesting as being illustrative of the extraordinary methods adopted by the civic authorities in Chicago for dealing with any difficulties that confront them, and this incident is by no means the first that has occurred of a similar character. Knowing so well the feeling of contempt in which persons of color are held by the populace there, any man of average common sense would regard it as a very doubtful and dangerous experiment to enlist and put in police uniform any negro. Yet this has been done, and no fewer than two hundred such men have been engaged within the last few weeks, and placed in authority as guardians of the peace of the city. The result might easily have been foretold, and needless sacrifice of life avoided by the exercise

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of ordinary care on the part of the city authorities. The strike still continues, although with very much abated force, and for the present at least, both sides seem disposed to shirk the responsibility of bringing matters to a final issue. With a feeble city government it is little matter for wonder that matters have been allowed to drift, and the law brought into contempt.

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