

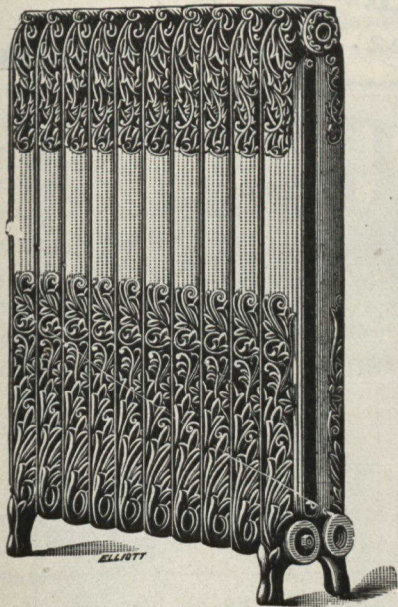
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THE dry goods stock of M. J. Crottie, in this city, is offered for sale to-day. Also the general stock of Laforest & Hogarth, of Victoria Mines, will be sold on Wednesday next.

FROM Ottawa we hear of the assignment of W. H. Snider, a druggist of some seven years' standing, but whose account has generally been described as a slow one, and a Montreal wholesale firm has held a chattel mortgage of late. W. A. Cole has the estate in hand.

IT is not many days since John Moffat, grocer, at Kincardine, sold his stock to John Hiles, and turned the proceeds of the sale over to J. Smith, who had a judgment against Moffat for salary amounting to \$2,100. The only hope unsecured creditors have is to realize something on the accounts payable.

THE general public will be somewhat surprised to hear of the assignment of Thomas Earle, wholesale grocer, in Victoria, B.C. He has always been highly rated, and generally considered wealthy. So far we have been unable to learn the cause of his difficulties.

G. LABONTE, of Montreal, doing quite an extensive dry goods business in the East End, has become somewhat locked up in stock, and is asking his creditors for extension indulgence. He proposes paying interest, and is said to show an apparent surplus of about \$20,000, over liabilities of \$35,000 to \$40,000.

DAME ESTHER ISBISKI, doing a clothing business in Montreal, under the style of the American Clothing House, has assigned on demand. Her name has been used as a cover, it is understood, for A. J. Josephson, who has had a rather unenviable reputation in the trade. He failed in 1889, and was away from the city for a time, but returned and resumed business in 1894. He again was reported in trouble in 1896, and restarted last May, under the above named proprietorship. He is at present reported away from the city.

AN assignment has been made by Gaspard Rochette, the Quebec shoe manufacturer, whose embarrassment we noted last week, on the demand of La Banque Nationale, and George Darveau is in charge of the estate. The liabilities are stated at \$148,600, of which fully three-fourths is due to the demanding creditor, who holds security. The nominal assets are estimated at \$196,560, in property plant, life insurance, etc.

AN assignment has been made by F. J. K. Alexander, dealing in general merchandise and fish, at Little River East, in the Gaspé district. He was formerly of Alexander Bros., at Port Daniel, from which firm he withdrew two or three years ago. Besides carrying on store, at above points, he was also interested in a lobster factory, and dabbled in bankrupt stocks, having a branch at St. Jerome, near Montreal, and for a time at Ste. Agathe. Last spring he claimed a surplus of over \$15,000, but in widespread unavailable shape.

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