

THE Victoria, B.C., Mercantile Association is discussing the question of alleged interference of wholesale men with the retail trade.

THE London fur sales will open next week, and liberal offerings are expected, especially of mink, skunk, muskrat, raccoon and opossum.

THE Marven Block, on the corner of Princess and Sidney streets in St. John, has been sold to Mr. D. R. Jack of that city, who contemplates making considerable repairs and improvements upon it.

THE first annual meeting of the Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville Electric Railway was held this week. The following have been elected officers: C. J. Myles, president; Thos. W. Lester, vice-president; Adam Rutherford, secretary-treasurer.

FROM Portland, Maine, there sailed last Friday the barque "Angola" for Fleetwood, having on board 2,406 tons of pulp wood, making the third cargo of that article shipped from Portland in two months. The ship "Eudora," says the *Press*, will take the fourth cargo this week.

JAMES SCOTT, of Wallaceburg, has made several assignments or compromises. In 1884 he compromised as a dry goods dealer and clothier, at 80 cents on the dollar. For the following three years he struggled along, but was compelled to assign in 1887, and subsequently compromised at 70 cents on the dollar. He has now assigned again with liabilities of \$8,500, and assets nominally a trifle more.

ABOUT a year ago, J. L. Upham, of Brockville, Ont., formerly a fairly successful retail confectioner, sold out, to engage in a manufacturing and jobbing confectionery trade. He has assigned, to the surprise of most of his creditors.—Z. Leach, a Kemptville blacksmith, with rather a poor record, has placed his estate in the sheriff's hands.—G. S. McBride, for the last four years doing a furniture business at Newington, Ont., has also failed.

THE Wilkinson Plow Co. started to manufacture their goods in Aurora a number of years ago, but thinking a change to Toronto Junction would be to their best interests, they went there in 1890. In 1886 the business, which was originally started by George Wilkinson, was formed into a joint stock company with a capital paid up of \$35,000. Having met with some heavy losses lately they have been forced to assign.

THE Quebec *Chronicle* says that the ship "White Rose," 1,500 tons, and the barque "Prince Eugene," 1,300 tons, have been chartered to load timber at that port next spring. The rates are said to be 19s. 3d. for Liverpool, 18s. for Belfast and 17s. for Greenock.

THIS week the failure list for Toronto is small. Richard Eyre, dealer in boots and shoes, assigned last November, owing about \$3,000, and then commenced over again under the name of Eyre & Co. But his wife was his only partner. The bailiff has now taken possession under a claim of \$550 for rent.

FROM Winnipeg comes word that W. W. Matthews, jeweller, has assigned. He has for years borne a good business reputation and done a fair trade. But of late he has had a good deal of opposition and been allowing, unavoidably no doubt, his paper to be protested. A judgment has been issued against him for \$1,726.

A SMALL shoe manufacturing concern in Montreal, O. Gagnon & Frere, have assigned, and owe \$2,845 direct, indirect \$4,168, with apparent assets of about \$2,000. A year ago they claimed a surplus of some \$6,000.—Almanzor Gervais, of Montreal, formerly of the firm Gervais & Frere, and doing business in the grocery line alone since Aug., 1892, has made an abandonment of his estate, owing about \$3,500.—In the same city, Henry & Bourke, a hardware concern of recent establishment, are asking an extension of 3, 5, 7 and 9 months.

THE busy and supposedly prosperous little city of Sherbrooke, Que., has been furnishing of late rather more than its quota to the list of failures, for besides the case of H. Prefontaine & Co., noted a week ago, we have now to record three others. T. T. Bears, quite an extensive dealer in dry goods, clothing, shoes, etc., having got behind and been sued of late, has been asked to assign by a Quebec creditor. A. O. Lucas, who came from the States about 1890 with a few hundred dollars, and started a general business in the outskirts of the town, has made an assignment, and shows a list of liabilities footing up to \$4,819. The third case is that of J. C. St. Aubin & Co., dealers in dry goods, who are now consulting their creditors regarding a compromise, which will be necessary if they are to continue in business. They owe \$7,000, and show assets apparent of \$7,300.

Mrs. KATE McARTHUR bought last April the grocery stock of W. H. Nelson. Not having had any previous experience, she did not make a success of it and has been compelled to assign. Her business was at Dutton, Ont.

THE grocery business of Louis Hector Be-gin & Co., at Levis, Que., which was originally established by the grandfather of Louis H., has made an assignment.—At St. Anne de Beaupre, below Quebec, where is situated the shrine of "LaBonne Ste. Anne," to which so many devout Roman Catholics flock every summer, L. Corriveau has done a general store business since May, 1892. He has now failed, showing liabilities of \$4,500, and assets of \$2,250.

LAST week we said that Ross & Co., wholesale drugs, London, were trying to compromise. In the meantime they have assigned.—John A. Campbell was a hotel-keeper at Paisley. His father was his landlord, and failing to make good his indebtedness to him has resulted in his chattels being seized and advertised for sale.—George Gillespie, a photographer at Berlin, has assigned.—At one time Moses Knight, lumberman at Brownhill, York county, formerly Mount Albert, has assigned.

THE long-established manufacturing firm of A. Watts & Co., of Brantford, have just called a meeting of their creditors. Mr. Watts founded this business in 1863, commencing as a miller. He was successful at this, and has always been respected amongst the business community. After some years he became largely interested in the soap business, and a company was formed named the Brantford Soap Works with A. Watts & Co. as owners. It is to be hoped that the company is not seriously crippled.

IN the autumn of 1890 E. S. Bidford commenced a shoe business in Chatham without any money of his own, but with some supplied by his father. He overstocked himself last year, and not being able to turn his stock over he has assigned.—We mentioned last week that J. R. Johnston, of the same place, had assigned. Since then his creditors have met, and finding that his estate is not worth much, accepted his offer to compromise at 25 cents.—Fitzpatrick & McLoughlin began business as general storekeepers in Wallaceburg early in 1885. About two years afterwards they dissolved, McLoughlin continuing under the name of R. J. McLoughlin & Co. He assigned in February, 1892. His stock was sold to his wife at 65c. on the dollar, and since that time

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