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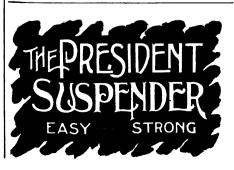
Mercantile Summary

In September, 1894, J. J. Watt started a boot and shoe store in Woodstock, with a cash capital of \$2,000. Owing to increasing his stock beyond his means he has been hard up for some time and behind. In consequence of this, a meeting of his creditors was held on Monday last, when a provisional assignment was made to the representative of John Mc-Pherson & Co., of Hamilton.-William Grant & Sons, dry goods dealers of Brantford, whose financial difficulties were mentioned a week or two ago, have assigned.

THE J. A. Montgomery Co., Limited, dealing in groceries and fruits at Nelson, B.C., is in financial difficulty, after being in business for less than a year. The liabilities are not large.—In 1874, Geo. Clements left Whitby and went to Winnipeg, where he opened a shop to sell men's furnishing goods. Fifteen years afterward he failed, and his estate paid one-third of its liabilities; the creditors were then good enough to grant him a discharge. Since that time, he has been short of capital, and under heavy expenses. Now he offers creditors 25 per cent, of their claims.

ASSESSMENT Commissioner R. J. Fleming on Monday introduced to the council of the Board of Trade Mr. Charles Grantham, a cotton duck manufacturer, of Yarmouth, N.S., who intends to start a factory in Toronto if conditions are satisfactory. Local capital is said to have become interested in the company, which is to have a capital of \$500,000, and to employ about 400 hands. The matter was referred to a committee on new industries composed of William Stone, chairman; A. S. Irving, J. F. Ellis, Elias Rogers, Robert Kilgour, J. W. Wood, John Leckie, W. E. H. Massey.

M. M. MARKHAM, who carried on a boot and shoe trade in Lindsay for a number of years, died in August, 1897; the business was then left to his son, D. J. Markham; he has been unsuccessful, and he was obliged to assign. Shortly after this his creditors accepted 50 per cent. cash, in settlement of their claims, the money being advanced by local parties. This did not seem to help him. as another assignment has been made. After thirty years of a business career, as a boot and shoe dealer in Chatham, Albert Side, Sr., has been compelled to assign.-W. G. Kaddatz, sawmill proprietor, Sebastapol Township, has also assigned.



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