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McColl. Bros., hotelkeepers, Chambly, Que., have assigned to Kent & Turcotte, this city. Liabilities about \$1,500; assets nominally about \$1,200 .- McKny & Champagne, hotel, Ottawa, are offering 50 cents in the dollar.

Joseph Marceau gave up farming about 23 years ago, and engaged in storekeeping at D'Israeli, Que. Having but little capital and less experience, he has been running behind for some time past. He has assigned to Mr. Z. Lapierre, shoe manufacturer, this city.

"Gossie" is the name of a new venture in journalism, in this city. The lady editor is a well-known contributor to the lighter departments of one of the evening papers. The first number contains a fair proportion of advertisements from firms who naturally look for customers among its readers.

The stock of clothing, etc., appertaining to the estate of J. F. Leishman, Winnipeg, Man., is offered for sale by the trustees .- R. Hammond, tailor and grocer, same place, has been sold out by the landlord.-The business of Charles Todd, grocer, also of Winnipeg, has been closed under chattel mortgage.

M., U. Rov, carriagemaker, this city, has compromised liabilities of about \$4,000 at 45 cents in the dollar,-40 cents at 3, 6, and 9 months and 5 cents in 12 months, all secured. -Beeson & Ross, tailors, Ottawa, have sold out to G. D. Ronan .- B. J. Draper, also of Ottawa, dry goods dealer, has sold out to F. X. Bedard.

The latest returns received by the Pittsburg Pa., Secretary of the Western Pig Iron Association do not indicate that the movement to secure united action in the restriction of production by the banking of furnace fires on the line proposed has been accepted by a sufficient number of furnaces to cover the terms of the agreement!

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AMONG the papers on practical sub_ jects read by members of the Science Association during the recent visit, it was hoped that the science of insurance might find a place, especially when two such master minds as Mr. T. B. Sprague, president of the Institute of Actuaries, and C. B. Walford, the insurance, encyclopiedist, favored us with their presence.

Joux Roche began the dry goods trade in Guelph some six years ago with a small capital, but, having worked up a rather good business. he found his credit improving. He was led into larger purchases by degrees, his stock being sometimes as high as \$20,000. This meant borrowed capital and interest thereon, with the generally consequent renewals, all ending in the assignment of a few days since.

LATEST advices by mail from England put quite a different construction upon the outlook for the hop crop. The same circular which some weeks ago predicted atter destruction to the English yield now admits that there was a grave miscalculation somewhere, so much so that prices have settled down considerably. The German crop has also turned out much better than was expected.

Apvices have been received from all the principal grain sections in this Province by merchants here, purporting that the crops of oats, peas and barley are more abundant than has been experienced for many years, quite a number of farmers having been compelled to stack, owing to insufficiency of barn room. As for wheat, those who planted it have secured a surprisingly good yield.

Louis Houle, of this city, bought out his partner's interest in the dry goods business in April, 1883, but has not been able to make both ends meet. He now finds himself owing between six and seven thousand dollars, but his assets, though of equal proportion; are not sufficiently available for the demands of his creditors. He has assigned to Kent & Tur-

THE stock in trade of Shain & Williams, general storekeepers, Essex Centre, Ont., amounting to over \$4,000, was disposed of the 6th inst. to J. W. Broderick of London, who will probably sell it off again. The career of the firm was brief, dating only from last falls but doubtless long enough to cut into the limited profits of firms who endeavor to keep on paying 100 cents in the dollar.

OVER-TAXING his strength in trying to work into a jobbing trade has brought F. H. Hardy, tobacconist, this city, into trouble. He was formerly a builder, but began his present business a few years ago on small capital, and was doing fairly well, till he attempted too much. His liabilities are from \$3,000 to \$4,000; assets nominally equal in amount. He has assigned to Kent & Turcotte.

W. T. Jackson, who, with the assistance of his wife, has been carrying on a small grocery business at Georgetown, Ont., has assigned in trust. As recently remarked of another unforturate trader by our Guelph correspondent, he paid some attention to other counters than his own .- Wm. Nowry of Palmerston, Ont., has sold out his hardware business to R. S. Shields. - Thos. Dillon, general dealer, Bothwell, has also sold out.

BOCCHARD & TARTE, son and son-in-law respectively of Louis Bouchard of Waterloo, Que., bought out the old gentleman's general store business in that town a few years ago, agreeing to pay him on long time. One of the partners had not attained his majority. The present state of things is represented by liabilities of \$12,000 and nominal assets of about \$10,000 with which they propose to settle with their creditors at the rate of 50 per cent.