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Mercantile Summary.

THE clothing stock of J. J. Thompson, of Sarnia, valued at \$1,726.18, was sold the other day for 47½ cents on the dollar. John Smith, of Sarnia, was the purchaser. The clothing and men's furnishing stock of Dawson & Oke, of London, was also offered. It was withdrawn, however, at 46 cents. The stock was valued at \$1,838.28.

THE failure of an old established Eastern Townships general store firm, Lyman Buck & Son, of East Farnham, is reported, and a somewhat tragic occurrence in connection therewith was the death of the senior partner on the day the meeting of creditors was held. The liabilities are about \$9,500, and the proposition is made to pay 35 cents in forty-five days.

The New Year number of *The Canadian Architect and Builder* merits notice for the excellence of its 48 pages of letterpress, and 20 pages of illustrations, a feature being a four-page plate of engravings of the Houses of Parliament and departmental buildings at Ottawa. The number is handsomely printed and enclosed in artistic cover of special design.

THE following have been elected directors of the St. John Bridge and Railway Extension Co.: Hon. F. E. Barker, W. H. Thorne, Simeon Jones, John H. Parks, Hon. Thomas R. Jones, Thomas Williams, Hugh H. McLean. At a subsequent meeting of the directors, Hon. F. E. Barker was chosen as president; John H. Parks, vice-president; T. Barclay Robinson, secretary-treasurer; Hon. Thomas R. Jones, superintendent.

THE John Anderson Bread Co., of Montreal, has assigned on demand, and indebtedness is shown at \$13,271. The business was formerly carried on by John Anderson, who failed several years ago, when Mr. Thomas Trimble, a retired dry goods man, who was a creditor, undertook to carry on the business under the above style, in order to try and save his claim, instead of which he, unfortunately, appears to have sunk his own means.

THE Nova Scotia failures for the week are as follows: A. C. Baillie, dry goods, Pictou, has assigned to D. Sutherland and Wm. Ross, owing perhaps \$30,000. Mr. Baillie began business in 1870 on small capital, but has done a leading trade in his line, and the failure is somewhat unexpected.—S. W. Croft, a general dealer of Broad Cove, writes his creditors suggesting a settlement on the basis of 25 cents on the dollar; liabilities shown at \$5,500, with assets apparent of \$3,500.—H. E. Moore, a small general dealer of North Sydney, has assigned to his father, W. H. Moore.

MR. NICOLAI C. SCHON, writing from Vancouver to the *London Times*, describes the recent advice given by the Government Labor Department in reference to emigration to the Rossland gold district of British Columbia as cruelly misleading. It is, says Mr. Schon, improper to advise ordinary British workers to make for that district in autumn, and especially during an almost initial working season like the present, provided only such a worker have £25 in hand. By the time he reaches Rossland he will not have more than £5 left. "He will find there a population of 5,000, of whom probably not more than three-fourths can gain regular employment at rates of pay which little more than suffice for bed and board. Moreover, work is preferably given to the many on the spot, more or less acquainted with western American mine methods, and prospecting and mine work in its more preliminary stages largely cease with the end of autumn."

A FULL meeting of the creditors of Misael Thibaudeau, wholesale grocer, Quebec, was held last week, when the statement submitted was found to be rather worse than expected, liabilities being shown at \$106,518, with assets of \$57,024. The offer made was 40 cents, unsecured, payable in five instalments spread over fifteen months, which most of those present seemed disposed to accept.

QUEBEC CITY failures for the week are reported as under:—Gabriel Lachance, a farmer, who some years ago started a small suburban grocery, has failed owing \$1,500, and showing very few assets.—Forgues & Wiseman started as stationers about nine years ago on small capital. They have now made assignment of their estate, and are said to owe \$15,000.—Beland & Vezina, wholesale smallwares, have succeeded in arranging with creditors at 65 cents.—Joseph Hamel, grocer, and E. Chartrain, saloon keeper, have assigned; liabilities mainly local.

At a meeting of the Edmonton Board of Trade last week, a resolution was adopted to the effect "that the Government be desired not to grant the extension of time asked for by the Calgary & Edmonton Railway Company, unless they undertake to immediately continue their line across the North Saskatchewan to Edmonton. A memorial was also passed, addressed to General Superintendent Whyte, asking for readjustment and reductions of freight rates to interior British Columbia points, per C. P. R.

G. THOMPSON, merchant tailor, Hamilton, is offering to compromise at 50 per cent., on liabilities of \$3,500. He has nominal assets of \$1,000 in excess of this sum. This is rather a poor showing for his six years in business.—The stock of George Hacker, in the same city, was sold to W. B. Gould, of Port Hope, at 45 cents on the dollar.—The general stock of J. J. Kelly & Co., Tavistock, was sold in Toronto at 66 cents on the dollar. J. R. Grant, of Listowel, was the purchaser. He states that he will sell the goods in Tavistock.

DISASTROUS FIRE AT SHELBURNE, ONTARIO.

The town of Shelburne, Ont., has recently acquired an unenviable notoriety as the home of fire-bugs. While the prisoners, of whose crime we made mention in a previous issue, were in gaol awaiting their trial, several attempts were made to burn buildings situated in the central part of the town. It is thought that the incendiary fires have been attempted with a view of attracting the attention of the guardians of the prisoners, and in this way effecting their release. Although the fire-raisers were successful in causing the largest fire in the history of Shelburne, their ulterior design was not accomplished, and the miscreants who have terrified the people of Melancthon township for several years past are still in the custody of the peace officers. It is to be hoped that justice will soon be meted out to the perpetrator of this new outrage. The fire began in the Imperial block, in the early morning of the 26th inst., and extended to several of the principal buildings of the town before it was at last completely brought under the control of the firemen. The Imperial block, a three-story building, owned and partly occupied by G. R. Hannah, hardware merchant, and the Berwick block, also three stories high, occupied and owned by E. Berwick & Co., general merchants and grain dealers, are, with their entire contents, burned