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TORONTO, Jan, 10th, '96.

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Mercantile Summary.

WE hear this week of the assignment of P. T. Johnston & Co., dealers in seeds, etc., in Victoria, B.C. They were, it appears, in a good position at one time, but some years ago they locked up their surplus cash in real estate, which has since declined in value. Trade with them has been dull, besides.—In August, 1894, C. B. Masters purchased the branch dry goods store of Sloan & Scott at Wellington, B.C. The purchase amounted to \$6,000. On this they paid \$2,000 cash and mortgaged the stock for the balance. This mortgage is now foreclosed and the bailiff in possession.

In October last, Mrs. Sarah McRae leased an hotel at Deseronto for five years, for \$5,000 and taxes. At that time, she bought the furniture for \$2,300, giving a chattel mortgage on the same for \$1,500. Apparently she undertook too much in this transaction, for she now assigns.—Another assignment is that of John Basken, contractor and lumber dealer, at Norwood. For some years he had been building for railway companies, and his recent contract on the Parry Sound Railway proved a loss, which resulted as above stated.—So lately as January, John McDonald bought M. A. Widgen's confectionery stock in Chatham, and then mortgaged it for \$500. We now hear that the landlord has taken possession.—The landlord of Martin Bros., grocers, at Coldwater, has seized their stock for rent, and was paid. The principal creditor is said to have taken the balance of stock.

THE annual report of the United States Patent Office was issued on Monday last. It refers to the operations of the Patent Office for the calendar year 1895. During the year there were 39,143 applications for patents, and 21,998 patents granted. The number of patents which expired was 12,345. The receipts of the office were \$1,245,246; the expenditures were \$1,064,496. It is curious to notice that the State having the largest number of patents issued to its citizens, in proportion to population, is Connecticut, and that Massachusetts and New Jersey stand high in this respect. As to foreign countries 614 patents were granted to residents of England, a larger number than to residents of any other foreign country; to those of Germany, 539; of the Dominion of Canada, 362; of France, 202; of Scotland, 50; of Austria-Hungary, 46; of Switzerland, 42; of Sweden,

30; of Russia, 29; of Victoria, 21; of Mexico, 17; of New South Wales, 17, and so on downward. It will be observed that Canada stands well up in the list.

THE Safety Barb Wire Co. (limited), headquarters, Toronto, was incorporated in 1894, with an authorized capital of \$75,000. Of this sum \$40,000 was subscribed and \$30,000 paid thereon. All this money was invested in plant, etc. The principal stockholders are Americans, and having found the business unprofitable they make an assignment to Harry Vigeon.

AN assignment of his estate has been made by Alex. B. Odell, of Coaticooke, Que., for the last eight years in the jewelry trade, and also acting as ticket agent for the C.P.R. He owes \$2,500.—Failures among country harness-makers have been quite frequent of late in the Province of Quebec, and this week adds another to the list, Pierre Coutu, of St. Gregoire, having made a voluntary assignment. He owes about \$800, and assets are very small.

In the Province of Nova Scotia the following business troubles are to be noted: McConnell & Harding, general merchants at Country Harbor, were foolish enough to carry on business without any insurance protection. On the 16th ult. they were burned out, loss being estimated at \$4,000 to \$5,000, and they are requesting creditors to accept 45 per cent. of their claims.—E. L. Nash, a druggist at Lunenburg, is offering 25 cents, at six, twelve, and eighteen months, without security, upon liabilities of \$7,000 to \$8,000, of which the larger proportion is for money borrowed, endorsements, etc.—Cunningham & Curran, millers and flour dealers in Halifax, are reported to be asking an extension of time.

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