

Mercantile Summary.

THE New Glasgow Gold Co. propose erecting a crusher at their new mine in Country Harbor, N.S.

DIEBEL & BRICKER, of Essex, have purchased the livery building opposite the post office, and intend making it into a warehouse and elevator.

MAXWELL & COMPANY, Sarnia, were busy last week taking stock preparatory to removing from their present store to the new Copland store.

JOHN MCTAVISH, butter maker, of Seaforth, has entered into partnership with his brother-in-law, J. W. Hilborn, and will start a general store in Wroxeter.

THE building at Centralia, Ont., formerly occupied by G. H. Windsor as a store, has been bought and turned into an Orange hall. This may be interpreted to mean that there is more politics than business among the Centralians.

THE assignment is recorded of W. S. Abbott & Co., dealers in crockery, jewellery, etc., at Gananoque. They got an extension on liabilities of \$3,500 last summer.—G. H. Larivée, for many years a custom shoemaker at Arnprior, has found it necessary to assign.

ACCORDING to a telegram from Bay City, Mich., in round numbers, 142,000,000 feet of logs were brought from Canada to Bay City during the season of 1895, valued at \$1,293,609, and 6,620,000 feet of lumber came from the same source, and about an equal amount was shipped back.

A HARDWARE concern of Iroquois, Ont., J. H. Ross & Son, are reported insolvent. J. H. Ross, who had long been in business, and with a very fair share of success, died several years ago, and the son, Homer H. Ross, has since continued alone under the old style.—W. A. Hudon, an Ottawa confectioner, has assigned.—Jacob Randall, painter, of the same city, is reported failed.

A DISASTROUS fire occurred the other day at Drummondville, Que., by which the business part of the town was swept. Seven dwellings, the post-office, Lemire's hotel and several stores were destroyed, and the loss is placed at from \$40,000 to \$60,000. The frightened and bewildered villagers, having poor fire-fighting appliances of their own, sent a frenzied call to St. Hyacinthe for a fire engine, which was despatched, but did not reach Drummondville in time to do any good.

THE operatives of the Courtenay Bay cotton mill at St. John had an annual dinner together on New Year's eve.

THE uses of mica are manifold. One of its latest developments is distinctly novel. An Australian has invented and introduced a mica cartridge for sporting and military guns.

A YOUNG man, who began in the grocery line at Quebec last year, E. A. Germain, has made a voluntary assignment.—H. P. Whitney, carrying on a furniture business at Quebec and Levis, has done likewise.

THE Windsor Record understands that Messrs. S. L. McKay and Bon Jasperson, two popular young business men of Kingsville, will shortly open a private bank in that town, having secured premises in Dr. Wigle's block.

FOLLOWING close on the failure of Pratt & West, dealers in shoes, Ottawa, comes the announcement of the assignment of Isaiah Pratt & Co., also in the shoe line in the same city. It is only some months ago that the failure was recorded of a Pratt in the shoe business, in Hamilton, one of the same connection, and the family record is such that wholesalers are likely to receive future proposals from them for credit with some care.

A. F. DUCLOS, of Duclos, is a harness-maker by trade, and several years ago attempted store-keeping as well. He is now seeking an extension.—Moise Raymond, men's furnishings, St. Hyacinthe, may be fairly classed as a record-breaker. He began business only six or eight months ago, and has already assigned, owing about \$11,000. Some of the creditors have not seen the first dollar of his money, and the desirability of looking closely into his affairs is suggested.—A demand of assignment has been made upon J. A. Desilets, merchant, at Louiseville. He compromised in 1892 at 50 cents, and last summer got an extension.

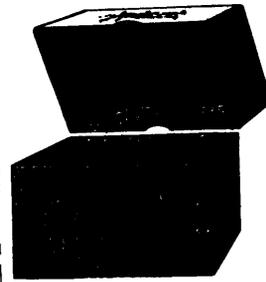
A SETTLEMENT was proposed in the case of Goldberg, clothier, in Halifax, but it fell through. Goldberg agreed to settle on a basis of fifty cents on the dollar, which meant the payment of \$6,500 to his creditors. The creditors were willing to accept the offer and sent a man from Montreal to complete arrangements. But Goldberg could not furnish the security proposed by the creditors and the matter was dropped. A Halifax paper now says: By the decision given at Chambers in the Supreme Court last week the assignee of the estate is to pay the monies he received from sale of stock, etc., to the receiver.

G. B. SUTHERLAND, who has been doing a good drug business in New Glasgow for some years, has sold out to Grant Bros., and leaves this week for the States to go into the manufacture of syrups.

RETURNING the other day from a visit to London and Paris, Mr. John I. Sutcliffe, of the Canadian advertising agency, reports an increased interest by English and French firms in the Canadian market. He has, indeed, a number of commissions from European houses to obtain representatives for them in Canada. ■

WORD comes of a couple of failures in Nova Scotia. C. E. Cutten & Co., who began a general store business at Economy last year, are gazetted insolvent. Mr. C. was formerly in the furniture business at Truro.—Wm. Woodill, a Halifax victualer, has assigned; liabilities altogether local.—R. K. Jost, dealing in boots and shoes, in Charlottetown, P.E.I., is trying to compromise debts of \$11,000, at 50 cents. He shows a nominal surplus of \$800.

Who says there is no chance for women in competition with men in commercial circles of the United States? A St. Louis paper tells of a woman who travels as a drummer in the large cities east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio, and who sells over \$100,000 worth of goods in a year, earning a big salary. Mrs. K. B. Henry is a well known female drummer. Her husband formerly traveled for an underwear house of New York. He died and left her with several children to support. She went to the firm and asked for his route. They had never sent a woman out, but they gave it to her, and she made such a success of it that she is now a member of the firm. She goes on the road occasionally.



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