

aim of manufacturers is to produce a skate that will turn in the shortest space. From a turn of a circle 22 degrees in diameter, the space was reduced to 18 degrees and finally to 7 degrees, and still new devices are constantly appearing and new factories springing up. The sales of skates in Cleveland alone during the past three months have aggregated from 10,000 to 15,000. One rink alone consumes 16,000 wheels a year. Probably 8,000 pairs of skates are in use in Cleveland's twenty rinks.

THE embarrassments which have arisen amongst Canadian traders, during the past week are none of them of a serious character, being confined for the most part to country dealers of small means. Robert Wilson, a shoe dealer in Hamilton, obtained an extension last August, but finding himself unable to carry out the arrangement then made, has assigned. He cannot, it is said, be called a pattern business man, for his methods were loose and his stock poor. —A London creditor has taken charge of the general store belonging to J. F. Collins of Berwick. It is thought that he will be closed up and his stock sold. —To be brief, F. J. Gillett, grocer, Chatham, has assigned. —It is reported that Jas. Clarke, a tinsmith of Allandale, was interested in a private whiskey still, and the fact becoming known he left for the United States. —A hotel keeper in Beeton, C. Baxter by name, has made an assignment. —Jno. Jeffreys, in the hardware line at Cobourg, has assigned. He was involved through the failure of his brother at Stratford a few weeks ago. —Kimmerly & Aikens general store men at Dresden, have assigned to a London house. Their affairs show, it is reported, a small surplus. —A Toronto furniture dealer named Francis Greet,

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is said to have absconded. His creditors are mostly in Montreal he having found some difficulty in obtaining credit here. —The sheriff has seized and sold the stock of jewellery owned by J. B. Ward, of Hastings. —J. D. Thornton, for a number of years in the general store trade at Omamee, has assigned. —An assignment has recently been made by Geo. Crane, a general store dealer in Owen Sound. —Also by Samuel Arthur, in the same line at Strabane. —The Enterprise Knitting Co., of Rockwood, owned by F. F. Pole, has come to a stop after a years existence and an assignment is made. —After failing three times, T. E. Dissette, a Toronto hat dealer, has decided to withdraw from the struggle. Could his creditors not coax him to try again? —Wm. Ramore, a dealer in tinware at Tottenham, has assigned. —That is what's the matter also with Arthur Foster, a Walkerton shoe dealer.

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