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MRS. E. FORTIER, in a small general store way at St. Albert, Russell county, Ont., has made an assignment.—Sarah J. Adams, of Almonte, Ont., a small fancy goods dealer, has also assigned.

FROM Quebec we learn that Beland & Vezina, jobbers in small wares and fancy goods, are offering 65 cents on the dollar, on an indebtedness of about \$5,000.—E. Dussault & Co., dry goods dealers of the same city, are also in difficulty, and offering 30 cents on the dollar. Mr. D. failed several years ago, and has been using his wife's name.

A LEADING Montreal confectioner, Anthony Walker, carrying on three stores in different parts of the city, all fitted up in somewhat elaborate style, has become embarrassed, and an extension of time spread over a year has been arranged on liabilities of about \$6,000; he is also \$2,000 in arrears on rent and taxes. It is not long ago since he obtained similar indulgence.

SINCE 1886, Abraham Cohen has done a large business in clothing, boots and shoes, etc., in Chatham. Lately he has had a stock of about \$20,000. For some months past he is reported as having slaughtered goods, and it appears that there is a good deal of truth in the statement, for the other day he suddenly crossed the border into the States, beyond the reach of creditors. Since then his assignment has been obtained.

SOME years ago a general storekeeper at Ruscom Station, who was also township treasurer, Mr. John B. Mather, unfortunately got behind with the corporation to the extent of \$4,000. Since then he succeeded in liquidating nearly the whole of this amount. The effort, however, in a time of dull trade taxed his capital and energy so much that he has at length become discouraged and assigned.—John C. Oppenheiser, box manufacturer, etc., at Walkerton, has got into trouble and makes an assignment.

B. M. WRITES as under from Chicago on the occasion of the celebration of the jubilee of the *Montreal Witness*: "I believe I can give impartial and disinterested testimony, as I am neither a prohibitionist nor a Protestant, and favor in a moderate degree those 'Witness'-accursed things—tobacco, dancing and the theatre. . . . Having read, with tolerable regularity, the 'Witness' for thirty years, I say confidently that its guiding star has been principle. It is a clean, wholesome, newsy, racy newspaper, that no gentleman need be afraid to see on his table."

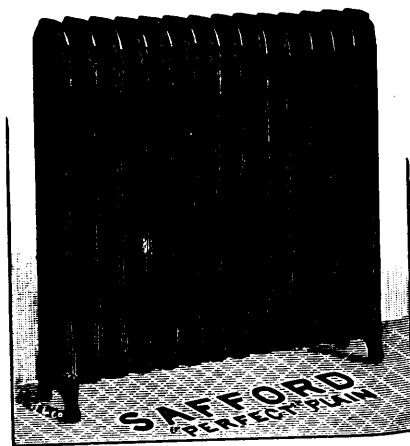
THE town of Lachine, Que., furnishes quite a notable general store failure this week, that of Belanger & Neveu, who have filed consent to assign upon the demand of a leading Montreal creditor. They have been pressed and sued for several months past, as a result of too liberal crediting to irresponsible customers. The liabilities are scheduled at \$14,400.—Alexander Cadieux, a hay dealer and farmer, of Boucherville, Que., has made assignment of his estate, and owes \$10,585. His failure is due to complications arising out of the several recent heavy failures among Montreal hay shippers.—Clovis Duguay, a cheese maker, of Durham, Que., is insolvent, and is reported to owe some \$13,000.—B. C. Watson, a small Sherbrooke jeweller, is offering his creditors 25 cents on the dollar.—T. Bernard, general dealer, Boucherville, Que., whose insolvency was lately noted, is offering 40 cents on the dollar.

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