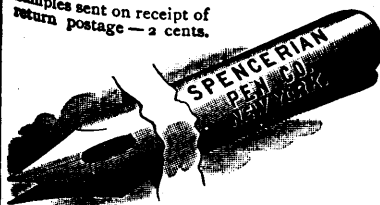


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AGENTS,
Montreal and Toronto.**Mercantile Summary.**

A WEEK ago yesterday, the Guarantors' Finance Company, of Pennsylvania, was placed in the hands of receivers. It was largely indebted to the Peoples Bank of Philadelphia, whose cashier, John S. Hopkins, had loaned it some \$700,000 on inadequate security—it is now said fraudulent or worthless securities, and the bank closed its doors last Saturday. A tragic feature in connection with both institutions is that Hopkins, bank cashier, committed suicide. The manager of the Guarantors' Company has been arrested on the charge of conspiring to defraud the Peoples Bank.

GUSTAVUS HAMILTON & SONS opened a blacksmith shop at Spanish River station. Shortly afterward, they added a general store to the shop. Owing to want of experience in storekeeping, and lack of capital, difficulties supervened, and an assignment is now in order. He owes \$2,200 and has about \$1,500 nominal assets. — Since Jan., 1890, Arthur H. McKeown has been doing business as a tinsmith, in Hamilton, and at one time did a nice trade; but, unfortunately, locked up too much of his capital in property. Then he took ill, and the two causes have resulted in his assignment.

A MEETING of the creditors of Laidlaw & Nicol, general merchants, was held at Stayner on Wednesday last, at which about seventy local creditors were present. The statement then submitted showed assets of \$52,000 and liabilities amounting to \$33,000. But the real position of the firm cannot be ascertained from this statement as it includes the real estate, etc., held by J. D. Laidlaw, but it does not include his assets or liabilities in respect of the Farmers' Loan Co. The appointment of Mr. John A. Cameron, as assignee, was confirmed by the meeting, and inspectors were appointed as under: Mr. M. Gartlan and Mr. D. Mathers, of Stayner, and Mr. W. B. Hamilton, of Toronto. If no satisfactory offers are received for the stock by April 4, the inspectors will then dispose of the stock by public auction in Toronto.

A DEPUTATION consisting of 250 persons from the County of Essex, Ontario, visited Ottawa on Wednesday to interview Sir Wilfrid Laurier with the object of impressing upon him and the Dominion Cabinet the urgent necessity of prohibiting the export of natural gas to the States. They represented that while great quantities of gas from the Essex fields were piped 30 miles to Detroit, and used for lighting and cooking purposes, such towns as Essex Centre were refused to be supplied by the producers of this gas. The actual extent of the Essex gas fields is stated to be comprised within a space six miles long by half a mile wide. In Leamington there were about 600 contracts signed for taking gas, but parties had to be refused because of the scarcity in the supply. Mr. Brown, of Kingsville, said that one well supplied that town with gas for six years, giving a revenue of \$10,000. The corporation bought the land afterwards for \$27,000. The Mayors of Windsor and Chatham asked that the export of gas be stopped, in the interest of those cities. Windsor users spent \$90,000 a year for gas, said one gentleman, and if, as appeared likely, the supply was prematurely exhausted by the enormous drain to Detroit, the outlay already made by Canadian householders in fittings for the use of the gas would be lost money. Altogether a strong case was made out. The most serious consideration of the Government was promised.

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