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—The business of A. Ratsey & Co., dry goods merchants, Ottawa, who have been in trouble for some time past, was closed up on the 26th inst. A good dividend is expected.

—A number of counterfeit \$1 notes have been seen in circulation recently in Toronto, and a number of people have taken them in the ordinary transactions of business.

—J. R. Ormond, watches and fancy goods, Peterborough, Ont., has gone to Winnipeg, and is opening up there and removing his stock; says business there is played out.

—The stock of Wm. Johnson, tailor, of this city, has been sold by the assignee for 50 cents in the dollar, and the stock and fixtures of Francoeur & Giroux for 49 cents in the dollar.

—The liabilities of M. Gilmour of Sarnia, who recently absconded to the United States, are found to be \$850; assets \$950, \$900 of the latter being book accounts, probably worth \$50.

—We understand that the Merchants Marine Insurance Co., of London, England, are about to commence business in Canada, and that Mr. Angus R. Bethune has obtained the agency for Montreal.

—G. Mann, hardware dealer, Ottawa, who obtained a composition at 50 cents in the dollar about two years ago, has again been put into insolvency. A writ of attachment was issued the 24th inst. The estate will probably pay 40 cents in the dollar.

—A writ of attachment was issued on the 13th inst. against Messrs. Lovelace & Wigle, of Essex Centre, general dealers. Assets and liabilities not yet ascertained. Lovelace absconded some few days before the writ was issued.

—A writ of attachment against George S. Barrett, of Wolfe Island, near Kingston, miller, has been issued at the instance of James Richardson & Sons. A meeting of the creditors is called for the 7th April. Direct liabilities \$2,200; secured claims \$4,400.

—A writ of attachment has been issued against W. W. Stirling, of Burnstown, Ont. Total liabilities, \$7,945.91; assets nominally \$7,800, including bad debts, &c. His trouble was chiefly caused by losses in butter during the last two years. A meeting of creditors is called for 9th prox., to be held at the office of John D. McDonald, Renfrew, Ontario.

—The recent failures of Messrs. John Turner & Co., Toronto, J. & J. Woodley, Quebec, Leggett & Johnson, Montreal, all in the wholesale boot and shoe trade, are so intimately connected with that of Alex. Seath, which has been brought principally about by the three firms named above, that we must postpone detailed references till next issue.

—Messrs. W. McLaren & Co., of this city, are endeavoring to obtain a settlement at the rate of 40 cents in the dollar, 35 cents secured. At a meeting held a few days ago to consider the offer, the vote resulted in a tie, and the meeting adjourned without arriving at any decision. It is probable they will succeed in obtaining a majority.

—Mr. Lewis S. Black, of this city, dry goods merchant, is offering 45 cents in the dollar in 6, 12 and 18 months secured to the satisfaction of the assignee and inspectors. The offer will probably be accepted, although there appears to be some probably explainable objection on the part of a leading creditor in this city, arising from Mr. Thom's connection with the business.

—Breeze & Hutchinson, Peterboro', Ont., stoves and tinware, have assigned. Liabilities \$4100, assets about \$3000. The causes of their failure are losses from bad debts, of which they seem to have had a large share, too heavy expenses and too little capital. Both partners are honest, hardworking men, but have been reckless in the matter of credit, and would have done better as journeymen.

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—William Gordon, boot and shoe dealer of Wyoming, shows liabilities \$2,450; assets, consisting of small stock and book accounts, \$370. Gordon went into the harness business as well as boots and shoes and lost money, but he could not say how much. He never kept a cash book. The insolvent was given time to see if he could get security for his offer of 50 cents in 3, 6 and 9 months.

—At a recent meeting of the creditors of G. W. Hungerford, of the village of Watford, chemist and druggist, liabilities were found to be \$2,850, and assets \$1,179. This insolvent attributes his troubles to buying out his partner's interest after the latter's death, and taking it at too high a valuation. He made an offer of 12½ cents on the dollar on his liabilities in three payments, which it is likely that the majority of his creditors will accept.

—The statement of Leggett & Johnson, boot and shoe manufacturers of this city, shows total liabilities of \$124,786.68, of which \$86,020.25 are direct, \$35,285.62 indirect and \$3,480.81 privileged claims. The number of creditors holding direct claims for over \$100 is generously large, and many of them like the condition of affairs so little that the estate has been advertised for sale. A detailed statement is unavoidably held over.

—Theodore Fenwick has been in business in Guelph for many years, doing a nice quiet second-hand furniture trade. With the growth of the town he thought he also ought to expand, and two years since put up two nice brick stores, which proved too heavy for him to carry, and he is now "down amongst the dead men." His liabilities are not heavy, but neither are his assets, when the mortgage on his real estate is paid.