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THE sons of the late Robert Darling, of the firm of Gibb & Co., this city, left last week for Florida to invest from \$10,000 to \$20,000 in an orange plantation, as circumstances may require. The young men have been trained in some of our prominent business houses, and those who know them must feel that their departure is a loss to the city.

MR. A. M. PERKINS, assignee of the estate H. J. Shaw & Co., writes: "If the facts as reported to you last week in the above matter were correct, Mr. Alex. Shaw would not have been 'left out in the cold' by the creditors. The books of the firm show that instead of putting in over \$3,000 capital, Mr. Alex. Shaw drew out all his capital, and now stands a debtor to the business."

MR. SOLOMON DEBRISAY of Jacquet River, N.B., general store, who succeeded his uncle in business some seven years ago, was obliged to assign in the summer of 1883. He then owed over \$14,000, and his assets were estimated at \$11,000 to \$12,000. He arranged to pay 60 cents in the dollar spread over twelve months, and the endeavor has evidently left him high and dry. He has now assigned in trust.

THE Boston wool market last week was less active, the sales amounting to 2,529,146 lbs, against 3,371,972 lbs the week previous and 2,473,150 lbs a year ago. The total sales since January 1, 1884, have been 114,547,021 lbs, against 121,906,005 lbs for the corresponding period of 1883, a decrease of 7,358,984 pounds. Large sales, chiefly in Chicago, are reported for account of Boston and Philadelphia houses.

A RATHER heavy dry goods failure is reported from St. John's, Nfld., that of Richard Harvey. The liabilities are given at nearly \$100,000. At a meeting of creditors recently held, Messrs. Arthur Randall and J. Stabb were appointed trustees. The estate may pay 10s to 12s in the pound. Mr. Harvey stood so well in the community that there was no suspicion of trouble till the date of suspension, the 25th ultimo.

A MEETING of the creditors of Gilbert R. Boursier, trader, St. Martine, Que., who recently assigned, will be held the 15th inst. at that village. Boursier began business about nine years ago but fell into difficulties last year and compromised at 50 cents in the dollar.—Antoine Lavoie, trader, St. Timothe, Que., has assigned. He began business about five years ago in a small way, his stock averaging about \$1,500.—F. Callasurdo, trader, Stellarton, N.S., who gave a bill of sale for a small amount last October, is reported missing.

C. ROBERT & Frère, traders, Lake Megantic, Que., are reported as offering 40 cents in the dollar.—J. W. Low, of Alexandria, is said to be offering 45 cents.—In Montreal the stock of Ingles & Co., some \$325 worth of cigars, and fixtures, about \$100, are offered for sale by tender by the trustee.—Rosaire, Roy & Co., tailors, have assigned assets of about \$2,150 in stock and book debts to pay debts of \$3,900.—J. B. Pepin, of Longue Pointe, dealer in milk, has assigned to Kent & Turcotte.—The stock of Frank Alexe & Co., saloon, etc., valued at \$870, is advertised to be sold by bailiff next Monday.

J. & F. W. SHIBBY, storekeepers, Sharbott Lake, Ont., have been realizing for some time past that business is not so good as when the railway construction party was nearer, and the junior partner, who joined about a year ago, is perhaps not proportionately economical. They owe some \$6,000, and have assigned.—L. N. Johnston, dry goods, Dresden, Ont., and Jacob Defoe of Utica, are reported in trouble.—Geo. J. Deppisch, general store, Milverton, is said to have assigned.

A CORRESPONDENT, commenting on recent small failures in Walkerton, says: "There is no reason why one man should not do a very good business in confectionery, fruits, etc., in Walkerton, but he must remain in his shop and not be too great a frequenter of hotels in the day-time. Walkerton is a good business place but too many of the business men, as in other places, know nothing of business ways. One o'clock by them means 2 or 3 o'clock. Promptness is something a great many have yet to learn."

THE bailiff is in possession of the estate of Mrs. Hills of Hamilton, dealer in fancy goods, at the instance of Foster & Hillman of that city, who hold a chattel mortgage, and stock is being taken. Some two years ago she valued her stock and furniture at about \$3,000.—Mr. George M. High, of Bligh & Co., mfrs. of paints, St. Catharines, hopes to be able to secure a partner with capital and resume operations. The sheriff is still in possession.—J. B. Moreau, clothier, Ottawa, has assigned to one Riopelle. Liabilities about \$3,000; assets about \$2,500, all in stock and book debts. Trouble caused by ill health.