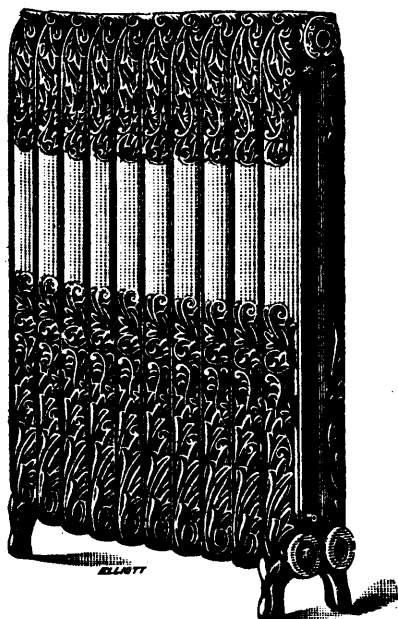


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URGENT pleas are being made to the Government for a bonus to assist in the immediate construction of the Manitoulin and North Shore Railroad, the importance of which to the development of New Ontario and to the trade of Toronto, has for long been acknowledged by boards of trade and all those interested. If the subsidies now asked be granted for the entire line, the company would begin to build the southern portion immediately. A railway ferry between Manitoulin and Tobermory is part of the plan.

G. M. MARSHALL, who was in financial difficulty, has been carrying on a tin and tobacco business, in Dunnville, in the name of his wife, Elizabeth, since Nov., 1896, and now she makes an assignment. —Four years ago, J. R. Huggart failed as a dealer in men's furnishing goods in Woodstock. For some time afterward he was employed as a clerk in that town, and in July moved to Toronto, and opened a store in the name of his daughter, Miss E. G. Huggart. We have just heard of her assignment.

AN offer of 50 per cent. is made to the creditors of the Stevens Implement Manufacturing Company, at Winnipeg. —An assignment is made by W. Wardrop, Lac Du Bonnet, who left the province of Ontario, where he was in the lumber trade, and opened a general store at Whitemouth, Man., in the fall of 1896. Two years later he moved his store to the above place. Now he owes about \$4,000. —A bailiff is in possession of the tailoring shop of W. J. Richardson, at Qu'Appelle, who is reported away from the place, and the stock will be sold for the benefit of creditors.

ONLY two months ago, R. Fawcett went from Toronto to Hamilton, and opened a tailoring shop. He had failed while in Toronto, about 1890, and never made any money. Now he finds that his Hamilton venture was no improvement, and he assigns. —Another assignment is that of G. V. Orser, blacksmith, at Trenton, who had been there for several years.

—As we intimated a week ago, a settlement has been made with the creditors of Miss C. Rudkins, dry goods dealer, at 27½ per cent. —J. E. Hutton, who is a general storekeeper, at Thornbury, is offering his creditors 55 per cent. of their claims. —G. C. Ives & Bros. started a planing mill at Colborne in July, 1897, and after barely making a living, assign.

THERE are two grocers in trouble in Vancouver; one of these is J. A. Dickie, who succeeded Carmichael & Dickie. They dissolved partnership in the middle of January last, Dickie paying the former \$800. This appears to have been too much for his interest in the firm. —The other person is R. C. Lawrence. The sheriff has taken possession of his stock, and it will be sold for the benefit of creditors. —Owing to the failure of the wholesale grocery firm of Oppenheimer Bros., who held a chattel mortgage on the general stock of J. H. McMillan, at Nanaimo, his store has been closed. Possibly another wholesale firm will be able to arrange with the bank and take over the security, and he will thus be permitted to continue business.

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