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Mercantile Summary

A WOOD manufacturer, at Avondale, near Woodstock, Mr. George F. Burpee, is turning out butter boxes with great despatch, supplying the creameries at Woodstock, Andover and St. Andrew's. The boxes are made of spruce, lined with a coating of wax and also lined with parchment paper.

THERE has been filed at Osgoode Hall, a petition on behalf of Charles Reimbsborrow, of Chatham, N.B., to investigate the affairs of the Maritime Sulphite Fibre Company. It is alleged that the company, without the consent of its creditors, or without satisfying their claims, conveyed to the Royal Trust Company, of Montreal, and Mr. Hugh Robertson, of Montreal, certain property representing the whole or main part of their assets in trust for the benefit of the bondholders.

Two recent failures are reported from St. John, N.B. After offering a compromise of 10 cents on the dollar, E. J. Kennedy, grocer, has assigned, with liabilities placed at \$10,000, while assets are only estimated at about \$1,000. He succeeded his father in 1896, being then quite up in years himself, and the case seems one of rusting out.—Clarence Fairweather, druggist, who removed from Moncton in 1897, has also assigned. The failure is said to be due to accommodation given the lately failed firm of Taylor, Dockrill & Co. Liabilities are estimated at about \$3,000.

THE courts, councils, committees, associations, federations, leagues, brotherhoods and societies of America, whose number is as the sands of the sea, have been holding sessions at the Pan-American Exhibition, Buffalo, these weeks past. And they are still meeting, associating, deliberating. Among the latest were the Shorthanders and the Firemen; this week there are the Philatelists on the 26th and 28th; the Typothetae on the 27th to 30th, and the Photo-Engravers on the 27th to 29th. Next week there will be the American Pomological Society, on Sept. 2nd; the International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths, on September 2nd to 5th, and the Delivery Proprietors' National Association on the 4th.

STILL another batch of unfortunates is reported from Sydney, N.S. W. R. Hearn, who had served in the American army during the civil war, and who started a tobacco business in the spring of 1900, has become embarrassed, and the stock has been sold by the sheriff. This latter official is also in possession of the assets, amounting to about \$400, of Cox & Clark, painters, who are said to owe \$2,400 and J. A. F. Ross, who opened a tailoring business, is also reported in trouble, stock having been seized under a chattel mortgage held by a Montreal house. He was formerly in business in New Glasgow and Glenelg.—J. W. McKenzie, painter, against whom judgments have been lately recorded for \$107 and \$867, is also in the hands of the sheriff.

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