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8 Melinda Street, TORONTO**Mercantile Summary.**

ABOUT a year ago, T. H. Roberts went from Hamilton, and opened a clothing store in Wingham. Being practically in the hands of a leading house in that city, and not able to meet his bills, an assignment was recently made.—After doing a fairly prosperous business in produce and lumber, at Lakeport, for some years, D. C. Matthews now finds that he cannot meet his payments; consequently, creditors are asked to write off 50 per cent. of their claims.—Last week we noted that A. E. Pentecost, dealer in dry goods, at Seaforth, was in trouble. We now hear that Henry Barber has been appointed liquidator.—An assignment has been made by Robert Lavelle, dealer in tinware, etc., Hamilton, for fifteen years.—In the same place, the sheriff has taken possession of the tobacco stock of Geo. Smallwood.

In August last Daniel Dengate & Co. moved their boot and shoe stock from Brantford to Hamilton. At that time their statement showed a surplus of \$12,800 over liabilities of \$16,000. This was an increase of \$2,000 on the year previous. Now they are preparing another statement of a different tenor, which has to be submitted to creditors at an early date.—In the same city Charles Holt, grocer, finds it necessary to make an assignment. He has been six years or more in business.—J. Y. Wood, tailor, at Paris, has been struggling for years to make ends meet. Too much credit is the chief cause of his trouble. He owes \$2,400 and has nominal assets of a similar amount. He has assigned. So has George R. Holmes, carriage maker, St. Catharines. He carries stock of \$2,000, and possibly there may be a small nominal surplus.

ABOUT six years ago, R. S. Gage opened a general store at Newbury in premises inherited by his wife. It would apparently have paid her better had she found another tenant, for her husband is now obliged to assign. He knew but little if anything about the business of storekeeping when he began; he knows more now.—Theresa J. Wakeling, who keeps a small place at Straffordville, makes an assignment.—So also does W. R. Counter, jeweller, at Seaforth, whose troubles we noted some weeks ago.—After doing business in Caledonia about a dozen years, Charles Richards, general storekeeper, hands his affairs over to an assignee. He has carried a stock of about \$8,000, on which there is a large liability, and the dull season probably accounts for his trouble.—The boot and shoe stock of A. W. Hallday, at Lakelet, near Harriston, has been seized under power of a chattel mortgage of \$1,200, and is now advertised for sale.

THE accommodating disposition of John Armstrong, grocer, Peterboro, has got him into trouble. He was good enough to endorse some paper made by James Stevenson; this led to his assignment and a compromise at 75 per cent. discount. The business was continued as formerly, but, owing to lack of capital, he is again obliged to assign.—We hear of the assignment of L. Dantzer, brewer, at Baden. At one time he had a good local trade, with a surplus in his business.—The sheriff is in possession of the Algonquin hotel at Sault Ste. Marie, leased by Mrs. W. C. Husband. At the instance of the landlord a bailiff has also been put in. This will no doubt lead to an assignment.—Danford Roche & Co., Newmarket, whose assignment we noted last week, have compromised at 30 per cent.

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