

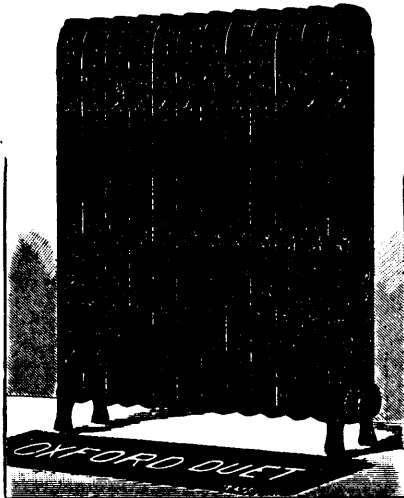
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Mercantile Summary.

THE ratepayers of Cowansville, Que., by 50 to 10, have approved a by-law authorizing the issue of \$20,000 in bonds, to be applied to putting in a system of waterworks.

Busy Lucknow! The *Sentinel* says there is scarcely a vacant house to rent in the village. "All our stores and shops on the front street are, with one single exception, occupied."

A MEETING of the creditors of G. A. Thorpe & Co., wholesale dry goods dealers in this city, is called for Tuesday next. Want of sufficient capital seems to have been the chief cause of their trouble.

THE *Columbian* understands that Mr. William Allison, late accountant in the New Westminster branch, has been appointed to the charge of the Kaslo branch of the Bank of British Columbia.

FORMERLY a farmer and lumberman, at which he did fairly, S. B. Garland, of Elgin, N.B., started hotel-keeping about three years ago, in which he has proved a failure, and his assignment is reported.—The Grogan Co., of Kouchibouguac, in the same Province, under which style Joseph Grogan has done a small general business, has also assigned, owing about \$1,200. Mr. G. failed before in 1891.

THE contract for the construction of the new railway from Trail to Robson has been awarded to a firm of Butte contractors. The price is said to be \$580,000, and the road is only twenty miles long. The high cost is owing to its difficult construction. The Columbia & Western Railway, of which the new line is an extension, will build two large passenger and freight steamers to run on the Robertson and the Upper Arrowhead Lakes, in connection with the new road.

MRS. O. BOUCHARD, of Chicoutimi, Que., whose husband conducted a farm, while she ran a little store business, has assigned to a firm of accountants in Quebec, in which city all her liabilities are due.—G. F. Ramsay, a hotel-keeper, at Lennoxville, Que., has become insolvent, owing some \$7,000.—T. Poulin, also an inn-keeper, at Marlow, Que., has handed over his estate to the assignee.—L. A. Houle, Valleyfield, Que., recently burned out, is arranging at 28 cents cash, on liabilities of \$2,137.

A demand of assignment has been served upon J. A. Lalonde, a small trader of Cote St. Paul, near Montreal.

AN assignment is made by Hoover & Co., general storekeepers of Franklin, Man., who began business in Sept., 1895. Those who were in the best position to judge did not expect that they would be successful.—In Winnipeg, Kastner & Cawston, milliners, whose failure we noted last week, have since assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand.

FROM Quebec city the following late failures are reported, all of a minor character: J. O. Filteau, doing a small stationery business, under the style of Filteau & Frere, has assigned, owing \$1,200, and offering 20 cents in the dollar.—P. Parent, grocer, is insolvent, owing locally \$1,500 to \$2,000.—J. M. Rousseau, teas and crockery, is trying to arrange a settlement at 20 cents. He owes about \$3,000, principally to Montreal tea jobbers.—Irenée Gagnon, confectioner, offered a meeting of creditors last week 20 cents on liabilities of some \$600.

THE people of Sussex, N.B., are proud of the new brick block built during the past season for Geo. H. White, of that place. The fittings and furniture of the branch office of the Bank of Nova Scotia in this building are especially fine. The design is of the Ionic order, with beautifully carved caps and fluted columns. The counters have metal grill in Japanese copper finish. The teller's compartment is encased with wire netting. The appointments of this office should make the manager, Mr. George S. Moore, comfortable. The above outfit was manufactured by the Canadian Office and School Furniture Co., of Preston, Ont., and does them great credit.

SINCE last issue the following minor failures have been reported in Montreal: The Occidental Hotel and Wine Co., a concern which has undergone much pressure from creditors for some months, have finally assigned to the court, owing \$8,950.—R. Guerton, manufacturer of doors and sashes, has met creditors, and asks a general extension on liabilities of \$6,000, showing a nominal surplus of \$8,000.—A. C. Dionne, grocer, also a partner in the firm of Pelletier, Dionne & Co., has also now assigned.—M. Kennedy & Co., millinery, have settled with their principal creditors at 25 cents on the dollar.—Arthur Bienvenu and J. Barsolou & Co., both grocers, have both assigned; liabilities in each case about \$2,000.—Mrs. E. Fauteux, dry goods, lately failed, offers creditors 25 cents cash.—A. Aron, a small jeweller, offers 33½ per cent.

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