

ON Wednesday the stock of the Bowman Hardware Co. was sold by auction at 50 per cent.

F. X. Soucy, a grocer and general trader on the Champlain market, Quebec, has assigned, and owes some \$5,500. Some four years ago he was unsuccessful as one of the firm of Soucy & Bedard.

LAST week we noted the troubles of J. Beer, grocer, New Westminster, B.C. Now he offers creditors 50 per cent. of their claims.—The sheriff has advertised the effects of G. B. Scuitto, hotel-keeper, Vancouver, for sale.

R. WARNER, an implement dealer and general agent, of Osnabrock, Ont., has made assignment to the sheriff of the district. He was left a good farm some years ago, but was not able to hold it, and has been on the down grade for some time past.

MRS. P. LALONDE, grocer, Ottawa, who for the past several years has been continuing the business formerly carried on by her late husband, Fulgence Lalonde, has been obliged to assign. The total indebtedness is \$3,500, of which \$2,400 is in the shape of a mortgage.

MRS. MARY CAMPBELL, dry goods and clothing, New Westminster, B.C., is in trouble. Being pressed by a Montreal clothing house, she secured them by a chattel mortgage, and proposes that the other creditors accept 50 cents on the dollar.

UPWARDS of \$50,000 city of Ottawa debentures bearing 4½ per cent. interest, for which the city received a very handsome premium, have just been purchased by Mr. George A. Stimson. We are told that the price paid was the largest the city of Ottawa has ever got for its debentures.

IT is necessary to correct an item in our last issue, page 634, which located the firm of Hinch & Hinch referred to at Napanee. It never was a Napanee firm, and never, we are assured, had any connection with Hinch & Co., of Napanee. They did business at Centreville and Tamworth villages, 14 and 21 miles from Napanee respectively.

W. B. SMITHETT, general storekeeper, purchased the stock of Buchan & Co. at Saltcoats, in the North-West, in the spring of 1893. He made a small payment and then gave a chattel mortgage to secure the balance. This has been the means of bringing about his assignment.—The grocery stock of L. J. Hazlewood at Moosomin, Man., has been seized under the power of a chattel mortgage.

THERE is to be a monument in Montreal to Maisonneuve, the founder of that city. Some \$19,000 or \$20,000 has been subscribed in Montreal towards it, and the Dominion Government gives \$1,000.

BEING tired of farming, W. H. Osborne started a grocery at Bowmanville eighteen months ago, and he was not long in displaying his lack of judgment in making purchases. This being continued, resulted in his assignment.—An extension of six months time is asked from the creditors of J. G. Bennett, dealer in crockery, etc., St. Thomas. His statement shows that he owes \$1,500, and has nominal assets of \$3,500. He has also been indiscreet in buying, considering the dull trade.

IN February, 1882, after clerking a number of years, Thos. Kelley opened a dry goods store in Peterboro', and did a large business. But he soon undertook too much for his capital. This resulted in March, 1890, in compromising liabilities of \$18,000 at 25 per cent. discount. His assets, nearly all in stock, amounted to \$23,000. Since then he has been struggling along, and lately the landlord took possession for \$600 rent. Now he assigns with a stock nominally worth about \$10,000.—The landlord has also taken possession of Frank Mercer's fruit store, in the same place, and in consequence of this an assignment has been made.

THE Quebec leather and shoe trade is not yet altogether free from troubles. Moise Hamel, a leather dealer in a small way, is proposing a 50-cent settlement. His liabilities are light and altogether local.—Jean Lortie, shoes, whose failure we chronicled a fortnight ago, now offers 25 cents on the dollar.—Thivierge, Morin & Morin, a firm of curriers in quite a modest way, are reported to be seeking a compromise at ten cents on the dollar. Liabilities are reported at about \$3,000, with assets practically nil. They were in trouble in February, '94, and then settled at 25 cents.

UNUSUAL activity has been shown in the harbour of Montreal for some days in view of the approaching close of navigation. Usually the wharves are very quiet places on Sunday, but last Sunday was an exception. Steam winches were in full operation, and large gangs of men were hustling as fast as they could the cargoes from the steamships "Rosarian," "Dominion" and "Storm King." It is explained that the shipping agents found themselves compelled to work their ships on the Sabbath day in order to get the vessels away in proper time.

ACCORDING to the Brantford Courier, a well known dry goods firm recently sued a citizen for an account, and upon getting a verdict, put in an execution. Afterwards a receipt was produced for the account and the gentleman interested has now instructed his lawyer to bring suit, claiming \$1,000 damages.

LAST week we noted the failure of Park & Co., general storekeepers, Jarvis. Now their stock is advertised to be sold to-day. Next Thursday the grocery stock of E. Hagey, at Preston, will also be sold. On Wednesday last a number of stocks were to be sold by auction at Suckling's. Up to 5 p.m. on that day the sales were going on and we were unable to get particulars.

EMIGRATION from Britain and Ireland this year declined a good deal, and emigration from other European countries to America declined still more. The figures for the ten months ending with October were 139,163, as against 193,616 last year. Emigration to the United States dropped from 141,023 in 1893 to 94,311 this year; to Canada from 23,937 to 14,621, and to Australasia from 9,178 to 8,734. South Africa is the only colony that shows an increase.

THE Government of Quebec proposes to institute a provincial park, which is to be called the Laurentides. The district selected is a tract of some 2,500 square miles of unsettled territory to the north and east of the settled district around Quebec city. The purpose is to make the park a place for the preservation of large game and the study of forest growth. A smaller tract in the township of Grandison, in the eastern part of the province, has also been set apart as a sanitarium.

TWELVE years ago, Levi Mackie succeeded his brother in a general store at Spanish River. But not content with this, the last few years he began quite extensive operations in lumber, entirely, indeed, beyond his means. Some time ago he gave a chattel mortgage, which was foreclosed, and he was sold out by the sheriff.—Essex & Co. four years ago incorporated their business as the Essex Brass and Iron Works, Ltd., London, with a capital of \$30,000, about half of which was subscribed. They made no progress, and of late could not meet their payments. Creditors are asked to compromise liabilities of \$8,000 at 50 per cent. They have nominal assets of \$16,000.

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