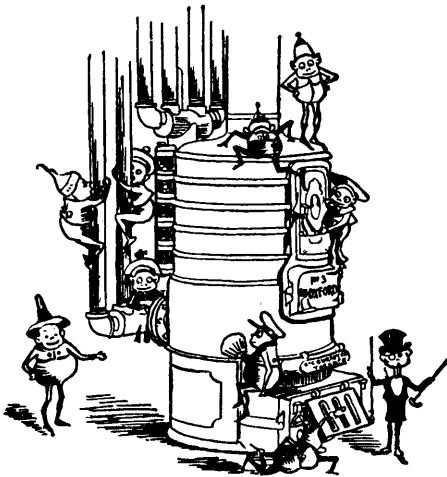


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## Mercantile Summary.

FOR a long time past, Leonard Bush, of Powers Court, Que., has carried on what is known as a "Line Store," on the New York and Canada boundary. But he has not made the business a success, his assignment being reported.—Joseph Tremblay, general dealer, St. Bruno de Chicoutimi, is now offering his creditors 50 cents cash on liabilities of about \$1,500.

A GENERAL dealer of Mattawa, P. A. Ferguson, is reported to have assigned. He failed before in 1888, settling at 50 cents, but built a large store a couple of years ago, at a cost of over \$5,000, which seems to have contributed to his present trouble.—F. X. Gauthier & Co., dealing in crockery and fancy goods in Ottawa, have made over their estate to the assignee. The business was started in 1893, but the capitalist therein, Mr. Fortin, withdrew last fall, and Mr. Gauthier apparently had not the means to carry on alone.

THERE is a deal of drilling going on at present in the oil district of Ontario, more than for some years, the good prices and ready sales encouraging oil men to increase their output all they can. The price of petroleum in the American market advanced slightly last week, owing to expected gushers not panning out well. The Standard price is \$1.21, but the Producers and Refiners' Oil Co. were on Saturday last paying \$1.72½ for the same article, and are making a strong effort to upset the Standard combine.

SOME years ago the firm of Notter & Scott, grocers, failed in Owen Sound, and James Notter, under the cover of his wife's name, bought the stock and did business under the style of James Notter & Co. Since then they were principally supplied with goods by a local firm, and not prospering, they have assigned.—C. W. Thompson succeeded F. M. Bond, in a general store at Port Dover, a year or two since. The purchase amounted to about \$4,000, half of which was paid in cash, and the balance in notes. Mr. T. was supposed to be doing a nice trade, but now we hear of his assignment to Mr. Bond.—C. Pearsall, furniture dealer, Kingsville, and David Scanlon, huckster, at Aurora, have assigned.—A fortnight since, we noted the assignment of L. Atkinson, jeweller, at Newmarket. He now offers creditors 17½ per cent. of their claims.

THE Amherstburg *Echo* learns that the private bank at Comber has changed hands, Geo. Ainslie having purchased the good will of the business from C. W. Watson. The latter has been a resident of Comber for over three years. He will open a bank at Dresden.

WE have received the first issue, April 13th, of a new 20-page weekly financial journal published in London. It is entitled the *Shareholder*, and its chief feature is to be a financial "Review of Reviews." It proposes to give, every Monday morning, a summary of the opinion of the leading authorities on money matters in the United Kingdom and her colonies, the United States and the Continent. It will do well if it succeeds in "boiling down" to digestible proportions the contents of all such journals, some of which are too bulky to be palatable. We find in its initial number a good deal about the Grand Trunk, by which, unhappily, Canada is apt to be too much judged in the share market of the Old Country. There is information about gold mining in India, the mines of Cripple Creek, Colorado, of the Rand and of West Australia, but no word of the gold mines of British Columbia. The *Shareholder* might do a good turn for its readers if it got some authentic news of the remarkable results of gold mining in the Kootenay district, B.C.

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