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## Mercantile Summary.

A MEETING in East Flamboro passed a resolution last week that it would be in the interest of the township to have an electric road, and recommended the council to submit to the ratepayers to raise \$30,000 toward it.

A FRANKVILLE merchant named Gallagher has paid \$100 damages and \$125 costs to H. A. Crate, of Smith's Falls, for having slandered the latter by stating that the scales used in his store were not accurate. So we learn from the Gazette, of Almonte.

A GROCER in a very small way at Palgrave, George D. Livingston by name, has made an assignment to T. H. Lamb. He owes only \$365, his wife being the principal creditor, with a claim of \$200. As his principal asset is an equity in real estate, the creditors cannot expect much dividend.

BURNED out in Montreal a year or so ago, Wm. Thomas & Co., a jobbing firm in the fur line, had trouble with the insurance companies, who contested payment of the amount claimed. and the firm has since done little or no busi-The liabilities are only \$1,990. ness. An assignment has been made.

E. PARENT, of Terrebonne, Que., and formerly of Montreal, quite a considerable manufacturer of shoes, has surprised his creditors by asking them to accept 35 per cent. of their claims. Direct liabilities are estimated at about \$40,000 ; indirect, \$25,000. He claims to have made a considerable loss by fire last year, and also to have been interested to the extent of \$18,000 in recent failures of retailers.

A YOUNG man, just about of age, and without any business training, began storekeeping at St. Brigitte du Sault, Que., rather less than a year ago. His name is C. H. Hyland. His embarrassment is now reported.----Edouard Chasse, a young harness maker of St. Leonard, Que., has had to assign on the demand of a Montreal creditor. He owes \$600.--O. Desmarais & Co., general store, St. Francois du Lac, Que., are insolvent, with liabilities of \$3,000. The business has been running about eighteen months, in the name of the wife of Omer Desmarais, who came from Pierreville.

THE Welland and St. Lawrence canals are not to be open until May 1st. But the council of the Montreal Board of Trade write to the Minister at Ottawa that there are ocean steamers due and intended to sail by May 2nd; it is an absolute necessity to have grain cargoes here from the west not later than the first days of May, or sooner if possible. They therefore ask him to have the Welland Canal opened not later than April 22nd, and the St. Lawrence Canals not later than April 25th. The Toronto Board of Trade second this request. Mr. Haggart says there are repairs urgently needed, and the Welland will be open by the 27th probably; the St. Lawrence by May 1st.

SURELY farmer storekeepers are legion in the land. How is it that when every public writer or speaker proclaims that what this country wants is more farmers, more miners, more fishermen, more producers in short, we see scores, if not hundreds, of farmers wasting their own and their creditors' money trying to "keep store"? J. E. Somerville, of River Beaudette, Que., is another farmer storekeeper, who only began business last fall, and already is reported asking for a compromise at 70 cents in the dollar ----- P. Chouinard, general store, St. Leon de Standon, is reported to be offering 50 per cent.---E. Denis, general storekeeper at Rigaud, Que., whose affairs have been undergoing investigation, has now assigned.

