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Fall wheat is nearly all planted in the Western States in good condition, the acreage being generally large. The long drought in Kansas has been terminated by copious rains.

The London Free Press says of the recent private bank failure that "the confidence of all is not the least shaken as to Mr. Fawcett being able to pay in full. There is only one opinion among bankers, that is, he has done a square business, and that his statement will show a clear record."

The Grand Trunk Railway traffic receipts for the week ending September 20, 1884, were as follows:—Passengers, mails and express, \$172,509; freight and live stock, \$210,100; total, \$388,609, a decrease of \$24,579 from the corresponding week last year. The aggregate for twelve weeks was \$4,107,819, against \$4,470,757 for the corresponding period last year.

The general stock of G. & A. Hadden, Guelph, was recently sold by auction, realizing 40 per cent for the creditors; and it is supposed that a further dividend of ten cents in the dollar will be available when the estate is wound up. It will be remembered that shortly after the death of Alex. Hadden, several months ago, his brother George assigned to Messrs. A. R. McMaster & Bro. of Toronto.

W. K. Murray, painter, Toronto, has assigned in trust, showing liabilities and assets of \$2,000, the latter being in stock and book debts.—C. S. Mead, grocer, Toronto, has failed; liabilities \$1,000, assets \$500. The assets are in book debts and stock.—Mrs. Margaret Taylor of the same place, general store, has assigned in trust, for the benefit of her creditors; Liabilities \$5,000, and assets \$3,000, consisting of book debts and stock. The cause of trouble is alleged to be speculation in Manitoba.

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The liabilities of Wm. O'Connor, manufacturer agricultural implements, Guelph, Ont., whose difficulties were referred to in last week's journal, amount to \$10,000. The assets are \$6,000, consisting of \$5,000 collateral or thereabouts, held by the Ontario Bank, besides a few other assets which may make up \$1,000. A proposal has, it is understood, been made to extend the time and go on. The insolvent's real estate is mortgaged for nearly all it is worth.

J. S. McQUEEN, retail grocer and general merchant, doing a fair business on a back street at Niagara Falls, Ont., left suddenly some days ago, and has not since been heard of. It is stated that he had secretly assigned on Aug. 23th, but was managing the business up to the time of his leaving. His real estate is mortgaged for \$2,000, and his chattels for \$2,500. It is thought the stock and real estate will nearly cover the total liabilities.

Messrs. T. James & Co., organ manufacturers, Guelph, Ont., whose assignment was recently noted, met their creditors last Friday, and offered twenty-five cents in the dollar which was accepted. The total liabilities were about \$20,000, of which Mr. James, of Brampton, represented some \$12,000. About \$1,500 was due the local contractors, who manufacture parts for the firm. These are to be paid immediately their proportion of the compromise; the general creditors in six months, secured by Mr. James of Brampton.

The firm of W. J. Ward & Co., private bankers, New Hamburg, has assigned. This result is the outcome of the troubles of Mr. Thos. Fawcett of London, who was a member of the firm. The Merchants Bank of Stratford has been carrying the firm, and holds a good margin of its paper as collaterals, and is supposed to be well secured for the \$80,000 advanced by it. The depositors are offered 50 cts.

on the dollar by Mr. Goetz, the father-in-law of Mr. Ward, the other member of the firm. Some of them are taking the compromise. Amount due depositors is \$16,000.

George Segueen, saw mill, Mildmay, Ont., who commenced business about four or five years ago, has got into difficulty with small liabilities of \$800. His assets are nil, everything being conveyed to his son shortly before executions were issued against him. He lost money on a law suit about timber.—John A. McIntosh, dry-goods, &c., Parkhill, Ont., whose assignment we mentioned last week, owes \$3,000, but his assets are placed at \$9000, which consist of general stock, dry goods, &c., and about \$700 in addition to book debts. He only had \$750 in cash at the start, and his difficulties are attributed to competition and dull trade. Mr. Piper is in charge of stock and is selling. Mr. McIntosh is employed in shop, and Piper is to sell for the assignee or do what creditors say, probably to sell *en bloc*.

Although the stock of wool in Boston is in strong hands and held firmly there is not the slightest animation in the demand. Fine fleeces are enquired for, but buyers offer low figures. The demand for washed fleeces is steady, and a fair week's business has transpired therein. Ohio fleeces are very firm, and are quoted at 35c to 36c for X and above. Michigan fleece is rather easier at 30c. Delaine and combing wools are quiet and easy. Foreign wools are featureless, and some dealers prefer to pay a trifle more for the privilege of purchasing in London. The sales of wool in Boston last week were 3,569,712 lbs., against 2,611,819 lbs. last week, and 4,010,300 lbs. for the corresponding week last year. The total sales of wool since January 1, 1884, have been 90,732,860 lbs., against 96,198,005 lbs. for the corresponding period of 1883, a decrease of 5,465,145 pounds.