

P. Frawley their general stock at Blizard.—T. W. Moffatt, grocer, etc., Orillia, and J. J. Jelly, grocer, Petrolia, have also disposed of their stocks.—Wilson Bros., dealers in groceries and liquors, London, have dissolved. J. Wilson continues the business.

We have seen "Gladstone" silk ribbon and "Cleveland" book-marks, and even "Bismarck" curtains, but we never before this week heard of helping to immortalize a man by putting his face and his words on a cheap towel. A Montreal house has, however, brought out from Fifeshire so many thousand dozens of the "Sir John towel." These bear each a good portrait of the late Premier, on a shield surrounded by maple leaves and with a beaver in each corner. Above are his well-known words:

"A British subject I was born,
A British subject I will die."

And beneath are the dates respectively of his birth and death, and his designation as "Canada's greatest Statesman."

For the last seven or eight years Xenophon Renaud, of Montreal, has been distributing considerable quantities of furniture, &c., on the instalment plan, and is now in such shape that an assignment has been necessary. Liabilities are \$4,556. He has claimed in late years to have had a surplus of \$8,000.—H. D. Beland, grocer, Montreal, has assigned on demand, and owes \$3,013.—A brief business career has been that of Ludger Seguin, of Montreal, who began the tobacco business only last spring, and who has now been asked to assign. He has run up liabilities of \$3,250.—Another Montreal concern, Feathers & Co., manufacturers of a patent ice cream freezer, is also on the failure list this week. Liabilities are small.—Miss Victoria Maille, milliner, Montreal, has assigned, and owes \$758.

The price of eggs in England, says the London *Advertiser*, is of importance now that the American market has been closed to us. Mr. D. D. Wilson, of Seaforth, recently sold a consignment in England, so a special cable dispatch states, at 8 shillings per long 100 (10 dozen), about 19 cents per dozen. Upon this the Walkerton *Herald* remarks: It must not be forgotten, however, that eggs in that market are graded according to size, and the consignment in question was graded as firsts, weighing from 16 to 17 ounces per dozen. At the same time seconds were sold at 16 cents; those weighing less than 8 to a pound at 14 cents, and small eggs (the greater part of our spring product) at as low as 11 cents per dozen. While shippers can save themselves

and generally make a profit on the larger sized eggs, such profits are swallowed up by the loss of 3 cents or more on the large number of small sized eggs.

The sentiment of Women's Rights is making progress, clearly, in this country. Have we not seen lately in Toronto a lady appointed principal of a school, over the heads of men, at a salary of \$1,100? And why not, if she has, in a superior degree to men, the requisite qualifications? But the sentiment appears to be extending to commerce. A subscriber in a Western Ontario town sends us a post card received last week from an Eastern Ontario woman in reply to an advertisement for a first-class woman for a millinery department. She writes:

Millinery.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your add in the—, to cut business short I will just state that if you will pay \$25 per week I will be glad to hear from you. Can furnish satisfactory letters and give satisfaction. Yours, &c.

Times must be good, millinery business must be brisk, hope must beat high in the breast of milliners, when they ask confidently for \$1,300 salary in a town of 7,000.

Last spring Robert Henderson, grocer at Alliston, was burnt out, and having but little if any insurance, he found it necessary to abandon his estate. It is now in charge of an assignee.—D. M. Smith, general store-keeper, now finds that his removal from Brecken to Beaverton in 1887 did not save him from difficulty, although he then estimated that he had a nice little surplus. Now he finds his liabilities about \$9,000, with assets \$1,000 less.

—Some time ago Alexander Adamson, grocer, etc., at Forest, found it necessary to give a large firm in Hamilton a chattel mortgage of \$500. To satisfy this his stock has been sold.—A meeting of creditors has been called for the Hamilton book firm of Hunter, Grant & Co. Hunter began the business and Grant was taken as a partner about ten years ago. Now people are looking for the reason of their consulting creditors.—A chattel mortgage of \$1,200 given to a creditor has been the means of closing the hotel premises of A. P. Roach in Hamilton.—In 1886 Moir & Mills began business as jewellers in Port Arthur, and for a time did what was supposed to be a good and profitable trade. Some months ago Moir went to British Columbia in the employ of a life insurance company, and, business being very dull, a few days ago Mills assigned.—Another assignment is that of M. Bennett, contractor, Kingsville.

This week there are more than the usual number of failures in Toronto. Among the number is that of J. B. Allen, formerly Ross & Allen, hardware dealers. In 1885 the former retired, and the latter three years later found that his liabilities reached \$30,000, and nominal assets half this sum. The creditors being favorably disposed wrote off 60 per cent. of their claims, and the business was continued under apparent prosperity until March last, when another compromise of 75 cents on the dollar was made. About a couple of months ago he was obliged to change his location. This injured his business, and with dull trade he failed to carry out the last arrangements, and an assignment has been made to Campbell & May. Liabilities are estimated at \$7,000.—Herrington Bros., dealers in wall papers, etc., have been in business about four years, and were always inclined to overtrade. For some time they have had two stores here, and have now assigned owing \$5,820, with assets of \$2,500.—For some years Jas. Allen was engaged making confectionery, but without success. When he failed the business was conducted by Mr. Allen and Mrs. Foster under the style of the Allen Confectionery Co. It, too, has come to grief and Mr. Bennett has been appointed Receiver by the court. The assets and liabilities are nominally about \$3,000.—About twelve years ago John R. Barron began selling stoves, tinware, etc. And although apparently successful he never made substantial progress, and with the recent dull times an assignment came.—It is evident that J. J. Findlay did not lack in ambition if he did in experience as a dealer in gentlemen's furnishing goods. At one time he had two stores in the city. One of them not proving very profitable, it was sold to Durnfield about six months ago, secured by notes endorsed by Radford Bros., Montreal. Shortly afterward that firm failed, and as the maker of the notes as well as the endorser was unable to pay, Findlay found it necessary to consult his creditors. As he has been persevering and a hard worker, no doubt his creditors will consider his case favorably.

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