IN Sept. 1891, A. H. Yates removed from Nebraska to Vancouver, and opened a produce and commission business. Owing to the severe competition in that place, he has been obliged to assign.——Godfrey & Co., hardware dealers, in the same place, left Winnipeg, and it was supposed that they were prosperous. But they have quite recently assigned. We have not heard the cause of their trouble.—— The chief trouble of A. W. Harding, a druggist, at Kamloops, is youth and inattention to business. Probably this last brings about his assignment.——At Nanaimo, Wm. O'Dell, contractor, assigns.

THE boot and shoe stock of Kennedy & Adam sold at 68 per cent.—Next week the general stock of R. McGowan, at Kirkton, will be sold by auction. —The clothing stock of Green & Co., Petrolia, realized 55 per cent., and their London stock 67 per cent. —On Monday, 12th, the clothing of Robert Little, Wallaceburg, will be disposed of, and the general stock of R. B. Morrison, of Morriston, two days later.—J. H. Blong's fancy goods here brought 63 per cent. J. T. Russell was the purchaser.—J. A. Fisk's grocery stock brought 62½ per cent.—Gianelli & Co., dealers in wines and liquor here, sold out to J. D. Oliver & Co.

THERE are again this week a number of small failures to report in Ontario. C. V. Lambrecht, publisher, Baden, has made several changes and now assigns. ---- A compromise of \$500 is offered by Letson Lewis, jeweller, at Watford, on liabilities of \$3,000. This will not, we think, he accepted .---- In 1890, W. J. Douglas went from Markdale to Collingwood, where he opened a drug store. But owing to strong competition, the venture proved a failure, and he has assigned .---- In 1892, David Wade became tired of trading in cattle and he opened a marble shop at Delhi. Finding but little demand for monuments he now assigns .--- Another assignment is that of J. P. Robson, grocer, at Norwich, who some years ago was reputed to be in a fair position .--- John Greig, who has been a year general storekeeping at Winfred, assigns with liabilities of \$1,700. To meet this he has nominal assets of \$1,500.---Wm. Tocher opened a tailor shop in Hamilton, in 1892. The last day of January, the sheriff took possession and advertised the stock for sale. Now he assigns .---- So does Jacob Hoffman, fancy goods dealer, at Port Hope, and J. Mc-Allister, grocer and liquor dealer in Hamilton.

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Within the last year or so the towns of Bathurst, Campbellton and Sussex, in New Brunswick, have provided themselves with steam engines and Fairville with a hand engine.

W. H. White, of St. John, has been appointed general agent for the Maritime Provinces by the Manchester Fire Assurance Company.

The Canada Life Assurance Company has deposited \$100,000 with the Ohio Insurance Department and obtained authority to do business in that State. The company is now doing business in Michigan, Minnesota and Ohio.

Acton held a meeting last week to consider means of fire protection. A hook and ladder company was organized under one set of officers and a salvage corps under another. The proper parties will decide upon the necessary equipments and prepare a list to be submitted to the council.

The chief of the Toronto Fire Brigade has recommended the purchase and equipment of a steam fire engine, and the Fire and Light Committee of the City Council have agreed to the purchase of an engine to cost \$7,990, "on condition that the fire insurance companies doing business in the city equip and maintain a salvage corps." What is the sense of such a condition as this? If the steam fire engine is needed—and there is no reasonable doubt that it is needed—why wait for any backing-up of the transaction by way of bargain with the fire underwriters ?

-The custom receipts at the port of Halifax for the first month of the year show a decrease of \$11,192, being \$48,283, as compared with \$59,476 last year.



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