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Upon demand, L. H. Bissonette, general dealer at St. Isidore de Laprairie, Que., has consented to assign. He was formerly a clerk in Montreal, and began business on his own account three years ago. Figures as to liabilities, etc., are not yet available.

The building permits issued in Toronto during the first half of the present year amounted in value to \$2,311,773 which, in spite of the labor unsettlement in the building world, is the largest since 1891, when permits for a large portion of the new municipal buildings were issued.

Several minor failures are noted in Montreal as follows: J. E. Leclair, tailor, has assigned, owing about \$1,100.—A demand of assignment has been made upon L. G. Clapin, saloon-keeper.—Philias Dagenais, carriage maker, is declared an absentee, and his creditors are notified to meet on the aist inst.

Mercantile Summary.

Dr. Ells, of the Dominion Geological Survey, who has been investigating the mineral resources of Charlotte County, in New Brunswick, is reported to have discovered traces of nickel.

A BILL has been introduced by the New Zealand Government empowering it to retain or prohibit the coasting trade of the islands from being done in foreign vessel. The order, if passed, will counteract the disadvantages suffered by British vessels in foreign waters.

THE McLennan Paint Company, of Buffalo, has purchased the patents, formulae, etc., of the Hollywood Paint Co., Hamilton, Ont., and will carry on business on a large scale, under the name of the McLennan Paint & Color Co., of Hamilton. The Buffalo concern is capitalized at half a million dollars.

THE Ontario Portland Cement Company is making quick progress with the erection of its factory building at Blue Lake. Says a news item from Paris: Railway tracks from the G.T.R. main line extend nearly around the plant. Gangs of men have been installing machinery, the rotary kilns are already installed, large engine and boilers are in place. Masses of heavy machinery are being put in position and the entire plant is expected to be ready for operation before very long.

GEO. WILSON & Co.'s lumber yards, in St. Catharines, Ont., were on Sunday last destroyed by fire, which caused a loss of about \$45,000, partially insured. The Warren Electric Co.'s plant and several frame houses close by were only saved with a good deal of difficulty. On the same day, a fire broke out in Wm. Watt's feed stables, at Souris, Man., and spread to T. H. Patrick's lumber yard and other buildings. Total loss was about \$30,000, with only small insurance.

RECENT failures in the boot and shoe trade are noted as follows: A demand of assignment has been made upon F. X. A. Cabana, and Wm. Debiens, of Montreal, doing a manufacturing business in women's and misses' shoes, under the style of the Humanic Shoe Co. They started about a year ago on a limited capital .- G. G. Gymer, of Richmond, Que., was for many years in the employ of the Grand Trunk Railway, as inspector, and retired from service, well up in years, in 1899, to open a retail boot and shoe store, which has not proved successful, and he has been asked to assign.—Elzear Beauchemin, of Roxton Falls, Que., is a young tradesman, who started in a small custom way in 1898. He subsequently put in a small stock, but has got beyond his depth, and makes a proposition that creditors accept 55 per cent. of their claims, which aggregate about \$2.000 --- A demand of assignment has been made upon V. E. Marchand & Co., of Shawinigan Falls, Que., by the Slater Shoe Co., Montreal. The business was started in the summer of 1901, by V. E. Marchand and Onesime



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Proteau. The former is a young man, who had some experience as a store clerk with his father at St. Stanislas, and Proteau is a farmer, who contributed most of the capital to the present venture. It would look as if their affairs were in pretty bad shape, liabilities being reported in the vicinity of \$9,000, with estimated assets of only \$3,500.

LONDON FUR SALES

The following brief summary will serve to show the range of prices realized at the fur sales in London last month, compared with those at previous sales: Red fox, cross fox, silver fox, blue fox, white fox, Russian sable, fisher, badger, wildcat, house cat, Australian opossum, wallaby, ermine, kangaroo, dry hair seal, real and bastard. chinchilla, marten and raccoon, same as in March, 1903. Beaver and black muskrat, same as in January, 1903. Opossuin, 20 per cent. higher than March. Winter muskrat, 10 per cent. higher than January. Fall and small muskrat, 20 Per cent. higher than January. Spring muskrat, 5 per cent. lower than January. Skunk, 20 per cent. lower than March. Civet cat, 10 per cent. lower than March. Gray fox, 10 per cent. lower than March. Otter, 10 per cent. lower than March. Lynx, 10 per cent. lower than March. Mink, 5 per cent. lower than March. Wolf, 15 per cent. lower than March. Wolverine, 10 per cent. lower than March. Bear, black, 10 per cent. lower than March. Bear, brown, 20 per cent lower than March. Bear, grizzly, 10 per cent. lower than March. Bear, white, 10 per cent. lower than March. Bear, Russian grizzly, 10 per cent. lower March. Wombat, 15 per cent. lower than March.