Few failures, mostly of a minor character, occurred during the past week : G. J. Kinzie, Preston ; Hundary & Lethridge, Strathrov R. C. Carter, Watford ; J. G. Brown, Meaford ; all in the grocery trade, have assigned.-Henry Edis, a furniture dealer in this city, has failed, and Messrs. Clark, Barber & Co. will liquidate his estate .---In Woodstock the retail dry goods firm of A. & P. McGachie has assigned after being three years in business. They had little or no capital at the start, but carried a stock of about \$20,000.----At a meeting of the creditors of McRae & Barnes, dealers in boots and shoes in Hamilton, it was agreed that Mr. McRae should retire, and agreed that Mr. Mcrae should retire, and that the remaining partner continue under an extension of twelve months. The liabilities are \$7,600, and assets \$9,600, which is the result of an experience in trade dating from only last September.

THE humor of the wild-West, of the far-North, of the bubbling South, is sometimes to be found distilled afresh by the Bobcaygeon Independent. That journal, during one of its editor's periodical journeys to the front township, has evidently looked in upon an old friend at Port Hope and glorified him accordingly. Witness the following from a recent issue :-"The man who finds a want and supplies that want has caught the flood which leads to for-tune. This is what Mr. Alonzo W. Spooner, of Port Hope, has done with his copperine. In these days of high speed, when everything is whirling at a rate sufficient to give ordinary mortals a touch of the razzle-dazzle, machin-

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It has been ascertained that certain shopkeepers in Montreal were selling pickles put up by parties in that city, and making use of the trade mark and bottles of Crosse & Blackwell, the English makers. It was also found that an imitation of that firm's trade mark was being made use of. A prosecution was instituted (under the Act against fraudulent marking of merchandise) against Stanislas Gareau, of 1430 Notre Dame street, for using and for imitating the trade mark aforesaid. On being brought before the magistrate, Gareau pleaded guilty and was fined with costs; but upon his undertaking that he would cease to make further use of the trade mark, further proceedings against him were stopped. In addition, notices were served upon the following firms for selling spurious pickles in Eng-lish bottles or with an imitation of the same trade mark :--Vannier Freres, McCurley & trade mark:—Vannier Freres, McCurley & Casselman, J. J. Robillard, Daoust Freres. These parties have given up to Crosse & Blackwell's agent the names of the parties from whom they purchased the pickles, and upon their doing so and promising to abstain from selling more further prosecution against them was stopped. The injured firm have properly determined to prosecute prometly properly determined to prosecute promptly and with vigor infringers of their rights, and it would be well for grocers to take warning.

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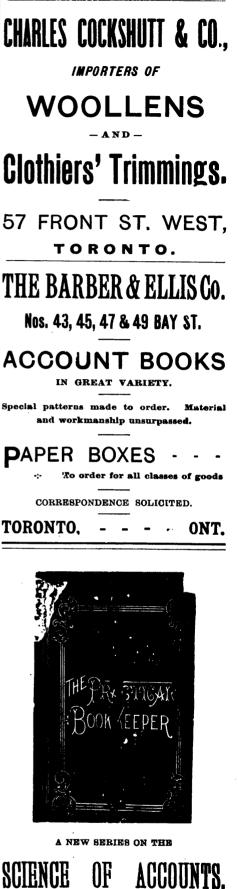
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