

An offer of sixty cents on the dollar has been made to the creditors of Bickle & Feath-erstone, liquor dealers at Cobourg.—It is ten years since G. A. Hyndman commenced as a grocer in Exeter; he carried a fair stock, but is now compelled to assign.—A similar step has been forced on Chas. Hogarth, a harness maker at Fordwich.—About a year and a half ago the general store firm of J. T. Bethune & Co., Fort William, compromised liabilities of \$6,000 at 67½ cents on the dollar. This arrangement was duly carried out, but they are again in trouble and have assigned. They took large contracts outside of their business.—The failure of H. C. Dixon, a saddler at Glencoe, is somewhat of a surprise to his friends. He always enjoyed good credit.—James Young, dealer in teas, Hamilton, whose affairs we noticed last week, has now assigned.

G. T. HUBER, grocer, Stratford; John Hillman, baker, Tilsonburg; Mary E. Stokes, fancy goods, Toronto; S. B. Head, fancy goods, Trenton; and W. G. Brown, hotel, Woodham, are minor failures of the week.—The assignment of J. M. Redmond, a jobber in boots and shoes, Toronto, has brought about a similar condition in the case of W. C. Johnston, shoes, also of this city. He owes \$2,500.—F. W. Nye & Co., books, etc., Toronto, have failed with an indebtedness of \$2,000. The assets are thought to be in poor shape.—Fred. Judson represented some Montreal cigar houses and a Waterloo distillery in this city. He has abruptly severed his connection by leaving the city, and, so it is reported, a goodly sum in liabilities.—Being deprived of the assistance which a father's name has rendered for some years past, the hardware firm of A. H. McDonald & Bro., Wallaceburg, has assigned.

FAILURES in this province have been numerous enough since our last issue, but they do not include any of marked importance. Two more assignments may be traced to the troubles of John Birrell & Co., London. One is that of Duncan Sinclair, a general dealer at Alvinston, who owes about \$9,500; the other is that of B. Learn, also a general dealer at Arkona. His estate will, it is thought, turn out favorably.—We have to add to the reference already made to E. Bannister, druggist, Brampton, that he has assigned to Townshend & Stephens.—The winding-up of their general store business at Glencoe was contemplated last fall by McMillan & McLean, but now an assignment has been made. The first-named formerly carried on the business alone.

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Five years ago he was joined by the latter, who is now studying for the ministry at Knox College in this city. The venture was, it is said, a losing one from the start.—A bailiff is in possession of the jewellery store of J. H. Laidlaw, at Sarnia, and James Turville, grocer, of Amherstburg, has failed.

Our agent sends some items from Walkerton, which town, he says, has been "developing considerable internal improvements of late." The Bank of Commerce, of which Mr. W. C. Butler is manager, has removed its offices to new premises higher up the street. The building has the new electro-copper railings and fittings, and the various chambers are well lighted and fitted out in tasteful style. The old established firm of J. Lee & Son, too, has removed to their new store just above the Bank of Commerce; quite an attractive feature is their milling room just behind the store. The Merchants Bank, Mr. G. W. McKee, manager, is remodelling for banking purposes the former premises lately occupied by Mr. T. Whitehead, who is temporarily in possession of a store higher up the street. The offices of the bank will be fitted up similarly to the Bank of Commerce office, with modern improvements. Mr. Whitehead will remove in a few weeks to a fine new store lower down. The new post office, one of the finest buildings of the kind in western Ontario, is now finished, and will be taken possession of in a few days.

The *Mercantile Guardian*, of London, Eng. in its issue of the 6th April, pays a great deal of attention to Canadian affairs. It rejoices that the outcome of the elections has removed the fear that the Dominion "might be to Englishmen little else than alien." (A needless fear, we should think.) It quotes Lord Aberdeen very fully, in his description of the Toronto Industrial Fair before the Royal Colonial Institute, and in his tribute to the "resources of the country and the energetic skill of the people." His Lordship said that after the McKinley Bill there was once more an exemplification and proof of courageous self-reliance on the part of the Canadian people. "There are," he says, "some people who regard amalgamation with the United States as the manifest destiny of Canada. I protest against such an assumption. Just as Canada has a history, so has she also a destiny of her own. And surely no epoch in her career could be more inopportune than the present for even the suggestion of anything that would divert her from the working out of her own career and the consummation of her own destiny."

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INSURANCE NOTES.

Lawrence Barrett, the actor, careful man that he was, carried \$100,000 of life assurance.

The Eastern Townships Mutual Fire Insurance Company has decided to go into liquidation. The liabilities of the company will likely be paid in full, although it will entail the payment of nearly the whole amount of the premium notes given it by policy-holders.

The St. Thomas Plate Glass Association met last night and ordered that the plate glass in Mr. H. Borbridge's store be replaced. The auditors' report showed that \$2,150 had been expended in replacing broken plate glass windows during the year. Here is a pointer for town and city storekeepers to keep their plate-glass windows insured.

A New York live stock insurance company furnishes the following causes of death among 704 insured horses during the past five years: Colic, 183; inflammation of bowels, 77; kidney trouble, 74; pneumonia, 51; sunstroke, 52; pinkeye, 30; lookjaw, 37; broken legs, 12; epizootic, 12; heart disease, 10; blind staggers, 4; fire, 8; lightning, 2; runaways, 9; unknown diseases, 128.

"Plain Directions for the Care of the Sick," 72 pages, and "Accidents, Emergencies and Poisons," 144 pages, are two eminently serviceable pamphlets distributed to the policy-holders of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York. They contain printed directions and pictorial illustrations of how to treat persons supposed to be drowned, or found unconscious from inhaling gas, and give a great variety of useful information, recipes, suggestions, &c.

—The New York *Coal Trade Journal* speaks right out in meeting, sometimes. Here are a couple of straight-out sentences that may be commended to many besides coal dealers: "We will not knowingly send the paper to any one who does not wish it, but if it is continued, through the failure of the subscriber to notify us to discontinue it, or some irresponsible party requested to stop it, we shall positively demand payment for the time it is sent." One of the peculiar ideas heard of in the past week, was where an alleged coal merchant discontinued advertising and subscribing on the score of reducing expenses. By and bye, he will be so reduced that when the sheriff goes to look for him nought will be found."

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