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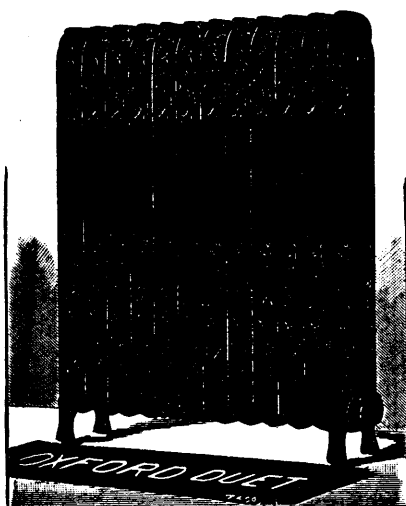
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Mercantile Summary.

ANDREW SCOTT, of Alliston, has bought the bookstore of Fred. McCrum & Co., Galt. — Geo. Wettlaufer has disposed of his grist and cider mills in Wellesley for \$7,300 to Mr. Dietrich, of Hawkesville.

E. ZELLER removed in March, 1894, from Zurich to Merlin, where he bought the bankrupt stock of W. Moorehouse. At that time Zeller had a surplus of \$4,000. Granting credit too freely seems to have been the cause of his present trouble. — J. & J. Straitch, general storekeepers, Teeswater; this firm is composed of mother and son. At the time of Wm. Straitch's death, in 1888, they were left an estate valued at \$5,000. Much of their trouble arises out of selling goods on credit, and there was poor management otherwise. — In Sept., 1895, Andrew Linton, a laborer in Claremont, started a grocery with \$400. Now Andrew finds this has gone, and besides he owes \$750, with nominal assets of only \$250, and so he assigns. — James E. Mackey, Sturgeon Falls, and M. O'Brien, Whitefish Bay, have assigned. Both are hotel keepers.

IN 1892, L. Woodcock, who kept a grocery in Cobourg, assigned, owing \$5,000. His wife bought the stock at 67½ per cent. Since then the business has been carried on as Woodcock & Co., Mrs. W. being the sole owner. After struggling for years she has assigned. — Four years ago Miss Wallace opened a millinery store in Wingham, with \$500 which her father advanced. A short time ago she endeavored to secure him by a chattel mortgage, covering the stock, for \$825. Now an assignment has been made. — It is about eight years since W. J. Grant started a grocery in Blenheim. Last September he too gave a mortgage on his stock, and makes an assignment. — Abraham Steadman, tailor, Harley, has assigned, after doing a small business for twenty-five years. — Being unsuccessful in making an arrangement with creditors, as already noted, J. L. A. Gareau, tailor at Huntsville, assigns. — George F. Burns, who carried on the clothing trade in London, assigned about a year ago, owing \$26,000. The stock was sold. Last March he opened as a dealer in men's furnishings, his wife, Eva May Burns, being the sole owner. She now assigns, owing about \$2,000. — In the same place W. W. Rampling, grocer, has failed and assigned owing to lack of experience and want of capital.

At Chubb's Corner, St. John, last week, forty shares Keystone Fire Insurance Company's stock, valued at \$500, 25 per cent. paid up, were sold to Mr. Fred. Butcher for 10 cents per share.

WE hear of the embarrassment of the Carrick Financial Co., five partners, carrying on business as a private bank at Mildmay. Its troubles result from the failure of F. X. Messner, of Formosa. When that occurred the Carrick company had to ask its creditors for time to realize on outstanding paper. It has since been paying off its indebtedness. On Friday last a writ was issued against the company for \$1,827.67. When the company began, in 1882, they estimated their private possessions at \$46,526. At the beginning of this year they estimated their assets and liabilities as follows: Liabilities—Due depositors, \$38,821.15; due Bank of Commerce, \$25,000; overdrafts, \$565; total, \$64,386.15; and their assets were \$65,559. Bills discounted, \$57,429.67; mortgages, \$3,359.90; overdrafts of customers, \$3,472.94, etc., etc.

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