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### Mercantile Summary.

W. H. SCRIPTURE & Co., the Ottawa drug firm, lately reported failed, are making an offer of 25 cents on the dollar.

MR. W. H. GREIG, of the firm of Scripture & Co., druggists, 654 Queen street, Toronto, has no business connection with W. H. Scripture & Co., Ottawa, whose assignment was reported in the issue of April 2nd.

THE assignment is gazetted of James Boyd, a small grocer, of Brockville, Ont., late of the firm of Boyd & Thesserion. - M. J. Foley, of Osceola, Ont., in business in a small general store since July, 1895, has assigned.

THE town of Lethbridge, N.W.T., is exercised over the possibility that they may be given the go-by in the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass line, and the Mayor of that place, Mr. Bentley, is now in Ottawa; among other purposes of his mission east being to induce the Government to have the line built through the town of Lethbridge.

THE Kingsville Woolen Mills Company, which went into the hands of an assignee some time ago, has been reorganized with the following officers: Dr. S. A. King, J. E. Brown, Horace Wigle, Ernest A. Brown, James Hillis, W. A. Smith and George D. Ross, of Montreal. The company will operate under the name of Brown, Wigle & Company, and the capital stock is placed at \$20,000.

THE Minister of Marine and Fisheries has received a telegram stating that the 5,000 ton English steamship "Assaye," which was wrecked on Blonde Rock, near the entrance to the Bay of Fundy, last Monday, was being robbed and dismantled by pirates. Mr. Davies ordered the Government cutter "Kingfisher" to proceed to the scene at once and render whatever assistance was necessary.

REPORTS from Ashcroft state that the weather has become springlike at last. Though this means much for the cattle, they will have to be fed for quite a time yet before the ranges will be fit for pasture. In many instances, it is said, ranchers have lost fifty per cent. and more of their cattle. The Chilcotin cattle men fared much worse, some losing nearly their entire herds. It has been an exceptionally long and hard winter for those engaged in the cattle business.-New Westminster, B.C., Columbian, April 2nd.

FROM Nova Scotia the following late failures are reported. W. C. Wilson, for the last four years doing a dry goods and millinery business in Halifax, has assigned, making certain small preferences.—Dominique Landry, of Petit de Grat, formerly a sea captain, but for some few years past engaged in the fish trade, has assigned, owing about \$3,000, of which \$800 are preferred, and \$850 due on mortgage. James McKinnon, of Whycocomah, a tanner, also latterly doing a small store trade, has also assigned.

THE Union Bank of Canada, in order to meet the growing necessity existing in Winnipeg and Manitoba, has arranged to provide a system of safe-deposit vaults, by placing in a convenient position in the main vault of the Winnipeg branch a complete set of individual safety steel boxes, of the latest design, expressly manufactured for this purpose by Messrs. J. & J. This system of safe-deposit Taylor, Toronto. boxes is intended for the use of customers of this bank and the general business public, who may desire to place deeds, securities, and other papers, jewelry, etc., in a safe place, free from danger of fire, burglary, etc. This, we are told, is the first venture of this kind west of Toronto.

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