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SOME time next month, it is said, La Banque du Peuple will begin the payment of the last dividend which its depositors are to receive. The amount will be twenty per cent, which added to the fifty-five per cent. already paid will make a total of 75 per cent. The banks assets realized \$400,000, and so the directors will contribute some \$300,000, making a total of about \$700,000, the sum necessary in order to pay the depositors the 75 per cent.

ALEX. WATSON succeeded his father as a general storekeeper, etc., at Kinmount, nine years ago this very month. At that time he had \$1,000 capital. A year ago one of his creditors sued him, and the following month he made a loss by fire. Then in April last he mortgaged his chattels for \$4,182, now we hear of his assignment. —Another assignment is that of Bargman & Co., jewellers at Madoc, who carried in stock a cheap class of goods which were worth about \$800. He has been in business only a couple of years.

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EARLY in 1896, Francis Ellsworth came from over the American border and opened a bicycle store in Toronto, having heard it was the greatest bicycle town in America for its size. At times, we are told, he had some 600 or 700 wheels in stock and was supposed to be worth about \$10,000. He evidently did the largest bicycle livery business in the city, and lately used the daily papers freely for advertising purposes. On Saturday last he held an auction sale, realizing what cash he possibly could. This was deposited in a bank here. Since then he has not been seen around town, and his principal creditor has possession of the premises.

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