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J. STEVENS & Son Company's surgical instrument and drug warehouse, in Toronto, was damaged by fire and water last week to the extent of something like \$6,000; insured.

LE SYNDICAT DE ST. MARIE, under which pretentious style J. A. Morency and G. Beaulieu have been keeping a general store at La Beauce, Que., is in trouble, and a 30 per cent composition is proposed. One of the proprietors is said to be a lawyer by profession, and the management has been unfavorably criticized.

AN offer of 25 cents on the dollar, made by J. Loranger & Co., grocers, Three Rivers, Que., having been declined, an assignment has been made, and the assets will be sold. Loranger was previously unfortunate at Berthierville, and has latterly been using his wife's name.

A DRY GOODS dealer of Nicolet, Que., L. H. Hamel, recently reported as insolvent, offers his creditors 50 cents, cash.—F. W. Farley, of Stanford, Que., a tanner by trade, and of late doing a butcher and grocery business, has assigned.—An offer of 15 cents on the dollar is made by D. Ricard, of Batiscan, grocer and peddler. He owes about \$1,800.—A judicial abandonment has been made by L. A. Jalbert, of Anse au Grispons, Que., who succeeded his father in a general store in 1899. He is said to owe \$3,000, while showing assets of only \$700.

FROM Shawville, Que., two failures are reported. P. Plouffe began storekeeping six or seven years ago in quite a limited way, and by energy and industry worked up quite a fair sized business. Unfortunately he was lacking in education and system, and his affairs grew so tangled that an assignment has now been made, liabilities being estimated at about \$7,000.—J. G. McGuire, of the same place, originally followed butchering, but went into keeping grocery a couple of years ago. He has not made a success of the new line, as he wants his creditors to accept 25 per cent. of their claims. He owes \$3,000, included in which is a claim of his wife's for \$1,000, and \$500 for rent.

FOR the last two years, Parfait Danis, of St. Justin de Newton, Que., formerly a farmer, has been doing a small peddling business throughout his parish. Though "perfect" by name, he has made far from a perfect success in business, and now wants his creditors to agree to a settlement at 50 cents on the dollar.—Another farmer who would be a merchant is Charles Rousseau, of Cedar Hall, Que. He began storekeeping five or six years ago, but failed and compromised at 60 cents in 1898, and now has assigned.—

G. A. Dugal, of Masson, Que., was a bushranger, but not being of the proper stripe of politics he lost his job four or five years ago, and started to sell tins and groceries. He is now offering 35 cents, and wife files a claim for \$1,400 under her marriage settlement.

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