

Country failures in the Province of Quebec have been rather more numerous of late, as indicated below: Joseph L. Bernard, of Namur, an immigrant from France, and for some time a farmer, began storekeeping about a year ago, and is already reported in deep water, and his affairs in the hands of the assignee.—I. A. Beland has carried on business in the boot and shoe line at Louiseville for six years, but has always been found more or less slow pay. Now he has assigned.—C. Winter, in the dry goods line at Grande Mere, wishes to compromise at 40 cents on the dollar. He was burned out last month, having an insurance of \$4,000. He claims he had a stock of \$9,000, but his figures are generally considered extreme.—An assignment has been made by G. A. Drouin, selling shoes at Drummondville, under cover of the name of his wife, and his indebtedness is placed at \$3,900. He failed in that place in 1889, and later became interested in the firm of Drouin & Trudel, general dealers, at Abenakis, which firm was unsuccessful. The shoe business here was being carried on at the same time as a personal venture, and the efforts of the creditors of the Abenakis business to include the Drummondville assets, were unsuccessful.—I. A. Laudeau, also in the boot and shoe business, at Fort Coulonge, and whose failure we lately noted, has settled at 25 cents on the dollar.—Joseph Fortier, a grocer and butcher, at Sherbrooke, who was burned out last December, has been obliged to assign.—In the fall of 1903, A. H. Hebert, a baker by trade, began hotelkeeping at Windsor Mills. He has now assigned, and is said to owe some \$6,000, with assets of only about \$1,500.—A demand of assignment has been made upon Hector Dallaire, a plumber at Sorel, whose liabilities are light.—An offer of compromise, at 25 cents on the dollar, is made by A. O. Loiselle, a young harnessmaker, of Granby.—L. Henrichon, of Lake Megantic, the harnessmaker with a host of other occupations, whose failure we lately reported, is trying now to settle liabilities of \$2,800 at 50 cents, a previous offer of 35 cents having been unacceptable.—Upon demand, an assignment has been made upon Nathan Fickler, dealing in clothing, dry goods, etc., at Three Rivers. He has been previously interested in businesses carried on by himself and brothers in Quebec, Fraser-ville, Joliette and elsewhere, with a hitherto favorable record. His liabilities are said to amount to about \$15,000.

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## TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Feb. 9th, 1905.

Chemicals, Drugs, Etc.—No particular change has taken place in the situation so far as the local market for drugs is concerned. Prices continue steady. Opium is a little more active. New York reports show that there is no special feature calling for comment, and that trade is a little on the dull side.

Dry Goods.—For all lines of spring

goods, the demand is very active. Millinery goods, especially, are in request, ribbons phenomenally so. Deliveries of the latter are likely to be slow, as the factories in Europe are already overcrowded with orders. Dress goods are moving out quickly, the retailers having come to the conclusion that prices are quite likely to advance. The most popular materials will be mohairs, voiles, colliennes, lustres, etc.

Flour and Grain.—A quiet trade only in flour for export is going on at present, but it is expected to improve with lower freight rates. Ninety per cent. patents are quoted at \$4.40, or a few cents higher. No change is announced in millfeed. Wheat is on the firm side. Corn is scarce, and the quality is not good. Peas and buckwheat are steady. There is a firm market for oats, though not very much actual business is passing.

Hides, Skins and Leather.—For hides a dull market prevails, but prices continue as before. Calf and sheepskins are both firm. Tallow is easier. Leather continues unchanged, at last week's prices, but it has a firming tendency.

Groceries.—Sugars continue as before, and the movement is fairly good. Some of the wholesalers report quite a brisk demand for general groceries from the country districts. For dried fruits there is a good demand for this time of the year. There is great firmness in canned goods. Teas are quiet.

Live Stock.—More active demand is noted this week at the Cattle Market, though this is partly to be accounted for by the comparatively small offerings. Prices for export animals had a firm tendency. Butchers' cattle were not of particularly good quality, and offerings were rather eagerly snapped up. Some feeders are being sold, but the enquiry is not very brisk. A considerable number of milch cows sold readily. Sheep and lambs are in active demand.

Provisions.—The market for butter is steady, but no great actual trade is being done, though for medium qualities the supplies are barely large enough. Cheese is quite firm, though the Old Country buyers have been holding off somewhat. Eggs are more plentiful, and

limited have declined a cent. The poultry market is quiet, with not much business passing.

Wool.—Prices are nominally the same, and quite steady, but nothing is being done.

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## MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, 8th, February, 1905.

Ashes.—Values continue on the easy side with first quality of pots quoted at \$5.25 to \$5.35, with transactions reported at the inside figure, and as low as \$4.90 for seconds, though about \$5 is the general price. For pearls a nominal quotation is about \$7.50 per cental.

Dairy Products.—The butter market is firmer by nearly half a cent since last report, and supplies are on the light side, so that some further advance in price is deemed not improbable. Finest creamery is now held at 22 to 22½c., while fine Western dairy brings 17½ to 18c.; dairy rolls, 18½ to 19c. for goods of best grade. In the cheese market there is no change, and 10¾ to 10⅞c. appears to be the general idea for fine fall goods. Stocks are being steadily re-

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