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THE prohibition idea does not find favor in the eyes of La Chambre de Commerce de Montreal, whose resolution characterizes the scheme to be submitted yesterday as "a measure which, instead of favoring temperance would open the door to all the abuses and dangers noted in prohibition countries."

A SMALL fruit dealer, Toronto, named Alford Fleming, has assigned.—After being in the hardware business in the east end of Toronto for many years. E. Westman has been sold out by a bailiff. This appears to be a case in which politics and social affairs were given more attention by a merchant than his business. And it is generally bad for the business.

HOFFMAN & Co. failed in the dry goods business, at Seaforth, in March, 1894, and the stock was sold. The business was afterwards resumed by W. W. Hoffman & Co., but the new firm had little capital and much competition, so they were forced under and make an assignment.

SINCE October, 1892, Florian Tylnski has been in business in Berlin as a tailor. For several years back competition has been strong and it appears that he has been getting a good deal of the custom of people who do not pay at the time they receive their clothes. Subsequent collections were slow, and accordingly Florian's payments to creditors were backward. Some of the latter sued, and their action forced him into making an assignment.

MIDLAND is very proud of the volume of freight business going through that point during the last eight months. Besides grain, great quantities of general freight have been landed at Midland, especially from Chicago, Ill., and Milwaukee, for Toronto, Montreal and Hamilton. The export traffic has been heavy, the steamer "Pentland" unloading at Midland, recently from Chicago, 950 tons of nail wire for Belfast, Ireland. The steamer "Normandie" last week brought from Milwaukee 500 tons of steel plates and 600 tons of iron for Montreal. On Thursday, the Grand Trunk Railway received advices of the shipment from Duluth, via Midland, for Montreal, of 450,000 bushels of wheat, in addition to the recent heavy shipments from Western lake ports.

CHARLES BRASSON, of Brockville, who bought out, in the spring of 1896, the grocery business of his former employer, the late R. McCormick, has been obliged to assign.

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