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Mercantile Summary.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY, N.B., is to have new county buildings. \$20,000 worth of debentures for the purpose are offered for sale by the warden of the county at Bathurst, in that province.

A DELEGATION from New Ontario recently visited Montreal to solicit low rates from the railway companies with a view to the faster settlement of the country between Rat Portage and North Bay. The railway officials have promised to do all in their power to help the good work along.

AN assignment has been made by Edward Auld, confectioner and baker, Montreal, and a schedule of liabilities is filed showing an aggregate of \$5,947.—A demand of assignment has been made upon P. Boyle, saloonkeeper, of the same city.—M. Lepine, dry goods dealer in the Eastern suburbs of Montreal, has assigned, owing about \$4,000.

THE wholesale men's furnishing firm of Glover & Brais, Montreal, having been unable to arrange a settlement, the assets were sold last week at auction. The wholesale stock, amounting to \$69,677, realized 67 cents on the dollar; the retail stock of \$21,000 brought 47 cents on the dollar, and the book accounts, 53¾ cents; the whole sum realized being about \$70,000.

FOR the past quarter century, T. Coulter has been in the grocery business, at Iroquois, Ont., but without a great measure of success. Of late he has been found irregular and slow in payments, and he is now before his creditors with a proposition that they accept 25 cents on the dollar.—Mrs. S. J. Freeland, who started a little grocery business at Cobden, Ont., in the fall of 1898, has assigned. J. B. E. Pageau, dry goods, Ottawa, lately reported embarrassed, has arranged a settlement at 45 cents, cash.

AN assignment has been made by S. A. Rourke, general storekeeper, at Clavering. This establishment, previous to 1897, was a branch store belonging to his father. Now he finds that he is unable to meet his payments.—George Street, pump manufacturer, Delhi, after being in business five years, with his assets mortgaged, also makes an assignment.—A bailiff has taken possession of the tailoring stock of William Slater, in London, but this is not the first time that Mr. Slater has been in trouble. About four years ago he compromised with his creditors, who wrote 40 per cent. off their claims. In order to arrange this, a chattel mortgage was given; this instrument is now foreclosed, and he is out of business.—A fire in 1893 deprived Alex. Smith, baker, Tara, of all his assets. Then he moved to Hepworth, and finding that place unsuitable, he went back to Tara, but there he got along no better, and an assignment became necessary.—Robert J. Kidd purchased the shoe business of J. H. Ames, at Peterboro, with a stock of \$1,100, which was bought at 55 per cent. Then he was estimated worth about \$2,000. Lately he has been losing his trade, and now assigns.

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