

It does not appear that all bakers can "live by bread alone," for the failure of no less than three is announced this week. These are Hamlet E. White, of Toronto, who assigned to E. R. C. Clarkson; Simard & Tremblay, of Sudbury, have also assigned, with liabilities of \$1,400, and nominal assets of \$900; Jno. Evans, of the baking firm of Evans & Allan, at Kingsville, writes to creditors that he has been robbed by the junior partner, and that he can pay only 70 per cent. of the firm's liabilities. This proposition he wants creditors to accept.

JOHN NEW, dealer in woollens, in this city, has, in consequence of two recent failures in the same line, felt it necessary to ask his creditors to meet and consider his position. This they will do to-day. His direct liabilities are \$10,000, and he has about \$15,000 of customers' paper under discount.—J. W. Proctor, who has been about six years in the grocery business, came from Orono some eighteen months ago, and began business here. Since then he has moved twice and made a failure. Thus he illustrates the old adage that "a rolling stone gathers no moss."

In consequence of the failure of his brother-in-law, J. A. Patterson, in Montreal, W. McKenzie, wholesale milliner in this city, finds his business in the hands of trustees, who will

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not dispose of it until they learn what arrangements are made with the Montreal firm's creditors.—In 1886, J. J. Daly came to Canada from Australia and settled in Victoria, B.C., where he opened a book store. He was an active worker in Y.M.C. Association, &c., but failed to make a success of the stationery business. A short time ago he was arrested for bigamy. This worried him until he became ill, and he has now assigned.

THE two evaporators at Annapolis, N.S., says an exchange, shut down for this season on 1st December. Owing to scarcity of apples they were prevented from running into January as was intended, and as in ordinary seasons they will do on apples. Their capacity is upwards of 1,000 bushels a day, using more than 100,000 bushels of apples. Too large a quantity of apples that should have gone into the evaporators have been put up for the English market. It is a significant fact that the districts that have furnished the least apples for the evaporator have turned out the most objectionable lots for shipment.

THE failure of Messrs. Russell, Seybold & Co., wholesale dry goods dealers, of Ottawa, announced last week as we were going to press, was hardly on the list of expected events, and caused quite a ripple of excitement in the trade. An accountant is now making up their books, and no exact figures are yet available, but their indebtedness is estimated as being close on a quarter of a million dollars. Heavy losses by bad debts in the Ottawa Valley, is assigned as the reason for the suspension, but whispers are not wanting to the effect that outside speculations, rather foreign to their regular business, have had some share in the trouble.

THE British Board of Agriculture shows in a table the estimated total yield of hops in 1890 and 1889, together with the acreage and

estimated average yield per acre. The yield this year has been bad, being but little over half that last year. In all there have been 54,551 acres devoted to hops, against 57,724 acres last year, a decrease of 3,173 acres, or 5.4 per cent. The yield this year is 285,789 cwt., against 497,811 cwt. in 1889, a decrease of 42.6 per cent. In Kent, which is the largest hop-growing county, there are this year 33,525 acres devoted to this crop, against 35,487 acres last year, the total yield being 175,008 cwt., against 331,656 cwt. in 1889.

LEVY Bros., of Hamilton, have authorised the sheriff to seize the jewellery stock of J. G. Russell, Parkhill, under an execution.—About two and a half years ago Wm. Newman, tired of farming, began store-keeping at Belwood. Shortly afterward he sold his stock of goods to Mrs. Everleigh, and opened a store in another part of the village. In order to protect himself, he found it necessary, about a year ago, to take back the stock sold to Mrs. E. Now he finds it necessary to assign. Creditors need not expect a large dividend.—Hanna & James, builders, Toronto, and P. E. Willoughby, tinsmith, have assigned. So has C. H. Moore, general dealer at Ashburnham.

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