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MR. E. S. RUTLEDGE, town clerk of Fort William, since 1891, has resigned that post, and with his brother, has opened business as manufacturers' agents and commission merchants, at that place.

A DEALER in hats and furs at Quebec, P. F. Bouchard, was burned out on the 15th inst., and is reported as preparing a statement of his affairs with the view of consulting creditors. Insurance was \$8,800.—J. A. Cantin, dry goods dealer, of the same city, has completed an arrangement to pay creditors 40 cents on the dollar.

J. A. PELKEY has taken possession of the wholesale fruit stock of Phipps, Aldridge & Co., at Vancouver. Last week a writ was issued against the firm for \$233.—A meeting of the creditors of Henry and Sofa Steffens, general storekeepers at Lytton, B.C., will be held next week. They owe about \$2,500, and have nominal assets of \$1,000 less.

FOUR stores in the Flaherty Block, at Port Arthur were destroyed by fire on the night of March 15th, entailing a total loss of \$25,000. The stores were owned by W. L. Brothers, Miss Lane, Alex. Ross and W. J. Hasking. They were occupied by Mrs. Montgomery, milliner; W. Y. Montgomery, tailor; Mrs. Traynor, milliner, and Leany, Arthurs & Co., groceries. The building and contents are partly covered by insurance.

WALKER BROS. succeeded one Reading, in the boot and shoe business in Port Hope about the beginning of 1888. They had very little capital, but in time additions were made to it; and their statement of two years ago showed assets of \$11,000, and trade liabilities of only \$1,000. Since that time they have gone behind, and have been sued. They also owe nearly one year's rent, and now make an assignment.—The plant and premises of the Stratford Shoe Co., Limited, Stratford is advertised for sale by the mortgagee.—Mrs. Laura C. Buck, conducting the Toronto Private Hospital, has assigned, owing about \$1,000.

AN assignment has been made by Wm. Baylis, hotelkeeper, Winnipeg.—A. M. Blackburn has bought the bankrupt stock of A. E. Iredale & Co., Fort Qu'Appelle, at 50 per cent., discount.—In the town of Qu'Appelle, The Felt Boot Co., Limited, of that name, has gone into voluntary liquidation. It was incorporated just two years ago with a capital of \$15,000, about half of which was paid. During the first years they suffered loss through poor management, when a change took place, but with apparently little, if any, improvement, and the result is as above stated.—Allen & Maddock, general storekeepers at Woody River, have assigned. Evidently the business was too small to support two proprietors.

AFTER a career of many years in the grocery business at Watford, Andrew McDonnell has assigned. At the first of this month he claimed assets of \$4,000, mostly stock, and liabilities of \$1,500. Probably the assignee will present a different statement, else Mr. McDonnell

need not be in much trouble.—An offer of compromise, at 25 per cent., is made by William Neil, who is a carriage maker at Hagersville. Low as the offer is, probably it will be accepted. He owes only \$800, and has, nominally, \$250 to pay it with.—Last May, Edmunds & Syer opened a grocery store in Port Hope. Shortly afterward the style of the firm was changed to Syer & Co., Rebecca J. Syer is the sole owner, and she has assigned.

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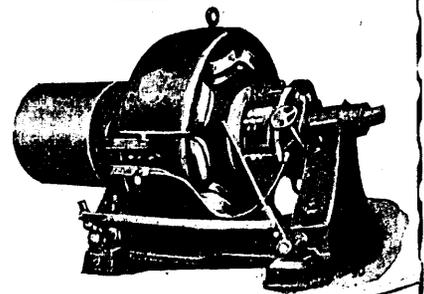
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