

It has turned out that the stock of dry goods which T. Kelly, of Peterboro, has been carrying is too heavy for his trade, and having secured a settlement with creditors at 75 cents on the dollar he promises to keep his stock hereafter within judicious limits. He owes \$18,000 and claims assets of \$23,000.—The large and expensive store of D. J. Hawley, in the crockery and fancy goods line at Trenton, has proved too severe a strain on a business which never showed much signs of large profits, and he has failed.

The Quebec lumber firm of John S. Murphy & Co., which did business at Durham and Strathroy, Ont., and on Lake St. John in the adjoining province, are in difficulty. They had made losses by consignments and from other causes, and while they had assets valued at \$151,000, they owed some \$216,000. A demand to assign was made upon them by Simpson, Mason & Co., of London, England, and they have accordingly assigned. A former member of the firm, W. H. Wilson, has arrived from England, and is looking into the affairs of the concern.

A VISIT to the scene of the fire in Brush & Co.'s corset factory on Adelaide street, Toronto, discovers a scene of unusual activity. Not only do their own employees seem to be busy as bees in the devastated premises but a host of mechanics are busied with repairs, and three or four doors east along the street other premises have been taken, where this stir-

ring firm have a score or two of hands examining and sorting out stock, determined that nothing fire or water-injured shall go to their customers. It will be some days yet before the factory can be in its former shape, with all its machines and operatives at work, but nothing that energy can do to rehabilitate the place speedily appears to be left undone.

A GENERAL storekeeper of Glen Robertson, Ont., J. A. Denovan by name, is in trouble, and a meeting of his creditors was held on the 25th inst., at the office of J. McD. Hains, accountant, &c., Montreal. His liabilities are placed at \$5,300.—John Spiers, woollen manufacturer, of Almonte, Ont., is in financial difficulties, and offering creditors 50c. on the dollar.—Evariste Drouin, who has been doing a small grocery business in Quebec city for some years, and making a living, has "found things hard" this winter, and has made an assignment. His liabilities are small and local.

A NUMBER of years ago, Edouard St. Cyr was a baker at Nicolet, Que. He was unsuccessful there and went to the States. Returning to Canada about nine years ago he managed, with the assistance of his brother, the cure of the parish, to commence a general store at St. Clothilde de Horton, and has since done quite a large trade. But to do that he has borrowed largely from banks, farmers, and others,

and recently has had to pay as much as 18 to 20 per cent. for money. A year ago he claimed a surplus of \$10,000, but this has evidently disappeared, as he has now assigned with the large liability of \$50,000. Not bad for a country store in a small village. Of the above amount from ten to fifteen thousand is owing in Montreal for goods, the balance to local banks and farmers.

GINGRAS & Co., a firm running a sash and door factory in Montreal, assign with liabilities of \$47,000. Their principal creditors are two Roman Catholic religious institutions. This may sound strangely to those who are ignorant of the accumulated wealth of these endowed and exempted institutions, and who are accustomed to ponder the words, "My kingdom is not of this world." But the Church is a large factor in Quebec commercial and financial circles, and many of its dignitaries are neither green nor modest in business matters.—A small auctioneering firm of Montreal, Barton & McDonald, who started early last fall, have not found their business sufficient to support two, and have assigned, with liabilities of about \$1,300.—J. E. Laflamme & Co., roofers at St. Henri, have failed, with liabilities of \$1800.

Our west, H. B. Wisch, a tin and hardware dealer at McGregor, Manitoba, has assigned and creditors will get 50 cents on the dollar.—A Russian Mennonite at Plum Coulee, Johann Krause by name, has assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand. He was in the general store trade, the same line in which Burke, Stone & Co. did business at Cartwright. Their stock has been disposed of at 50 cents on the dollar.—It would seem that C. W. Gauthier, a wholesale dealer in fish at Selkirk, has never been free from some kind of legal restriction. Judgments have been obtained against him for some time back, and one for a large sum has opened the door for the sheriff, who advertises his stock for sale.—Sissons & Co., confectioners at Winnipeg, are in the hands of a bailiff. The nominal owner of this business came from Montreal, where he is said to have done a large trade some years ago, but not with success.

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