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It is impossible that an Agency can keep itself so fully informed as it ought to be, for the collection and maintenance of a supply of information to any large extent is impossible without a pretty free expenditure of money. We think our merchants ought to satisfy themselves of the financial soundness of any undertaking of the kind before lending it their countenance, especially in view of the unsatisfactory experience of the firms who have just passed off the stage.

A RATHER curious state of facts was lately revealed by the examination in insolvency of Mr. A. L. Bowman, a general storekeeper of Waterloo, Ont. It appears that this young "merchant" bought out a business, assuming all liabilities when he knew he was at that moment insolvent. He admitted that the liabilities of the business exceeded the assets by the sum of \$4,000, and he had no means of his own. This was truly a nice beginning, and four years transactions did not help the matter much. His estate shows liabilities of \$15,851.77 and assets \$3,613.15. If a reckless disregard of the obligations to pay debts ought to be punished, then the case of this storekeeper should be signalized. He must have known from the start that success under the circumstances was impossible, and that either to enter the business or continue

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it was but to sacrifice the money of creditors. It was only when, at last, the assets were pretty much frittered away that a stoppage ensued. This case will doubtless prove an illustration of the utility of a clause in the new bankruptcy Act whereby an insolvent is prevented from getting his discharge unless his estate will yield at least 33 cents on the dollar.

OIL MATTERS IN PETROLIA.

(From our own Correspondent.)

PETROLIA, May 3, 1875.

Oil matters are about the same. There is more confidence felt here since the report of the Combination in the States, which, if carried out, would open an export trade from this country. The production has not increased and not over 4,000 barrels are produced per week.

Development is at a discount. No new wells to report, and I am sorry to say the well on lot 16 in 8th concession Eoniskillen has proved a dry hole; but the enterprising owners, Messrs. Clark & Field, of Toronto, have determined to sink another on the same lot. Business generally very dull in all its branches. Crude worth 85c. to \$1; refined 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. for white by car load.

HAMILTON AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY.—The annual meeting of the Hamilton and North Western Railway Company was held on the 4th April. The reports were adopted, and the following Directors were elected for the year:—Messrs. J. Stuart, Wm. Hendrie, W. Leggatt, Thos. Saunders, J. Field and W. Dayfoot. Two vacancies remained to be filled by the Board. The Directors re-elected Mr. John Stuart, President, Mr. Field, Vice-President; and Mr. Maitland Young, Secretary.

THE PILOT LAW.—The annual report of the Quebec Board of Trade says "that during the past year there were upward of thirty ships wrecked or damaged on the Saint Lawrence with pilots on board, but owing to the technical working of the Pilotage Act, none of the pilots were tried, nor did any public investigation take

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—An Act incorporating the Merchants Marine Insurance Company of Prince Edward Island has just passed. The shares were all subscribed for within a few days. There are one thousand shares of \$100 each. The first general meeting of the shareholders will be held on the 19th. There are two other marine insurance companies belonging to this city, and both have had a successful history.