retaliated by swearing out an information that Mr. Bousquet has made criminal mis-statements to European bankers regarding the company's affairs, and to cap the climax, one of the highly paid travellers applies for a windingup order, making many damaging allegations in his plea.

About a year ago Mowat & Aitken began business as wholesale commission dealers in produce in Vancouver, but did not meet with much success. Now they assign. -- In the same place J. Whitmore, a grocer, has premises closed by creditors.

A Montreal dry goods commission house, Raphael & Hodges, who have also been doing some little jobbing on their own account, are in trouble, and a demand of assignment has been made upon them. They suffered quite a few losses by the run of city retail failures last fall, and have apparently been cramped ever since. The liabilities are stated at about \$9,000.

WE hear this week of the assignment of Daniel McLean, an old and very respectable wholesale dealer in leather, in Toronto, who compromised with his creditors at 40 per cent. about four years ago. Early in the present year, Mr. McLean bought the premises he now occupies, paying a small sum in cash on the purchase.

ABOUT eighteen months ago C. D. Richardson opened a boot and shoe store in Huntsville; but being heavily pressed by one of his creditors a few days ago, he assigned.—James E. Potts, general storekeeper, at Staples, has become involved partly through carelessness, and makes an assignment. Two years ago he was farming.—The estate of Wm. Baker, at Demorestville, is in the hands of the sheriff and will be wound up.

In April, 1891, Zant Bros. succeeded Cassidy & Robertson as general storekeepers at Port Elgin, paying 95 per cent. for the stock, which is considered to have been in poor condition. Having, however, \$3,000 cash, they for a time made considerable progress. Two years later they dissolved and Henry Zant continued the business. To-day, finding himself without capital and with very poor prospects, he assigns.—The saddlery shop of Ernest Craft, Hamilton, is a very old one, but Mr. C. has not always been prosperous. In 1883 his wife purchased his stock-in-trade at 60 per cent. Expenses have been out of proportion to business, it appears, and they assign owing a considerable sum.

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THE sudden death is announced of Capt. James Murray, of St. Catharines, a well-known and much respected contractor and capitalist.

THE Vancouver News-Advertiser states that the "Utopia," on her last trip, brought 80 tons of paper from the Everett mills for shipment to Australia by the "Warrimoo."

THE large shoe factory of G. Bresse & Co., Quebec, is shut down. Since the death of the late Mr. Bresse, several years ago, the business has been carried on by two of the heirs under an arrangement with the estate. Matters have not, however, proceeded very harmoniously, and application has been made to court by the estate for a cancellation of the arrangement. The firm claims there will be no default on business liabilities. - In the same city, F. Moisan, a small manufacturer, is reported in difficulties, owing about \$5,400. His creditors will meet

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