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ing facilities were somewhat limited. Operations at the factory were suspended last November, but this was supposed to be merely incidental to the general business quiet. On Tuesday last their bankers refused to grant them further accommodation, and suspension followed. The liabilities are estimated at from \$75,000 to \$100,000. Both partners are gentlemen of highly respectable connection, and have many friends who will regret to hear of their embarrassment. The firm have assigned to Mr. Thos. Darling.

A WORD ON THE CARNIVAL.—The winter Carnival is proving a grand success. Visitors are being treated to every variety of outdoor and other reasonable amusements, and, although many came with high expectations, no complaints have been heard; on the contrary many visits meant only for two or three days have been extended throughout the week. Even the citizens themselves appear surprised at the exceeding fulfillment of their desires. Whether

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of the entire city, they gave the most effective display of fireworks probably ever witnessed. The mountain appeared to have been suddenly converted into an intense volcano discharging balls of fire in every direction and lighting up the park and the forest trees lining its sides with every color of the rainbow. Among the toboggan slides, the Lansdowne at Fletcher's Field appears to have been given special attention, under the courteous management of the secretary, Mr. Chas. Coristine, and his fellow-officers. The success of the ice-palace, as the nucleus of the Carnival, has even aroused some feelings of envy. A visitor from New York city, conversing with a witty local physician, while contemplating the magnificence of the structure, was overheard to say that—"Next winter we shall have an ice-palace of our own;" to which, his friend replied, "You'll first have to provide an ice-house to keep it in."