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Mercantile Summary.

MESSRS. Boivin & Co., New Liverpool, Que., who failed in 1875, are again in bankruptcy, with an estate that will pay creditors little or nothing.

The report of the Bank of British Columbia has been issued. It states that the half-year's net profits were £16,757, and it is proposed to pay a dividend at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum, to add £3,000 to reserve (thus raised to £38,000), and to carry forward £1,647.

MR. EDGAR A. WILLS, a shoe dealer of Yarmouth, N. S., has failed, with liabilities of \$5,000. He has secured local creditors to such an extent that outsiders will not realize over ten cents in the dollar, which they are not disposed to accept as in full.

MESSRS. M. MULLIN & Co., lumber dealers of Montreal, have been in difficulty for some time back, and a writ of attachment has now been issued against them. The firm owes \$100,000, and its assets are said to be in bad form, and creditors are likely to get but little in the dollar.

An attachment has been issued against Emil Raza of Napierville, who owes creditors say \$4,000. He began business about October last, buying a bankrupt stock, which in the first place he paid too much for. He had no opening where he started, but having all to make and nothing to lose in the venture, he is not personally a financial sufferer.

A MOST audacious attempt at barratry was lately made at Baltimore, Mr. J. F. Kinvear in collusion with the captain trying to appropriate the cargo of the British brig "Alexis" from Porto Cabello with a cargo of 4,377 bags of coffee, weighing half a million pounds and near a thousand hides; insured for \$92,000. The plot was frustrated.

THE Beaver Stamping Company of Montreal, a joint stock concern, formed in 1873 with a capital of \$100,000, in \$100 shares of which probably half is paid up, has failed, and a writ of attachment been issued. As far as can be learned the business has not been paying for some time past, nor have its managers been harmonious. The stockholders are of course liable for the full amount of the stock subscribed, and creditors are not likely to suffer.