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namely, the silver certificates of the United States circulating in Canada, and also against American silver. In reply to Mr. Foster's enquiry, how much of these American currencies were in circulation here, the bankers, we understand, stated the silver certificates at from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000, but were unable to estimate the amount of silver coin. The bankers' section of the Montreal Board of Trade is about to make enquiry as to the amount of American silver, as well as of silver certificates, among us.

In former years Nathaniel Churchill was quite a prominent shipowner in Yarmouth, but was unfortunate in that occupation, and for some years past has been doing a moderate trade at Wilmot, N.S., in general merchandise and lumber. He has recently had to assign. —From Wallace, in the same province, is reported the failure of R. B. Canfield, general storekeeper. The liabilities are about \$3,000, of which \$700 are preferred. —J. A. McDonald, of Baddeck, N.S., doing a small grocery and confectionery business for about a year, has assigned.

At the meeting of the creditors of Macab., Robertson & Co., wholesale fancy goods dealers in this city, held on Wednesday last, much disappointment was expressed at the showing the insolvents made. On behalf of the firm, it was explained that bad debts and depreciation in value of the stock was the cause of the deficiency shown. The inspectors appointed were Messrs. John Sully, for Belding, Paul & Co.; Edward A. Kemp, for the Bank of Commerce; R. Millichamp, for Pawsons & Leaf, of London; Wm. Hewitt, for a number of English creditors, and W. T. Brouse, for Faudel, Phillips & Son, of London. As no offer was made by the firm, the assignee received instruction to sell the estate by auction, and the business will be wound up.

### MIXED METAPHORS.

During an exciting debate in the House of Representatives the members sometimes indulge in mixed metaphors. A member, referring to one of his colleagues, said: "The gentleman, like a mousing owl, is always putting in his oar where it is not wanted." In another speech occurred this expression: "The iron heel of stern necessity darkens every hearth stone." And another member, in a very forcible and dramatic manner, asked the house this question: "Would you stamp out the last flickering embers of a life that is fast ebbing away?" —*National Tribune.*

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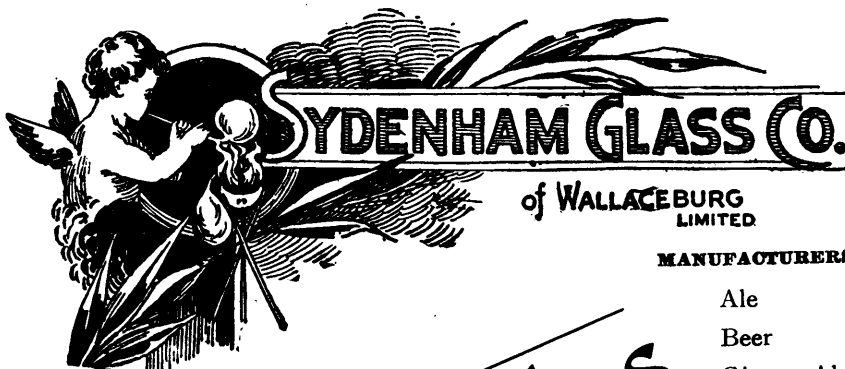
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