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are possessed of no assets although they admitted having \$3,900 in assets about 8 or 9 months ago.

— The annual statement Hochelaga Bank shows the nett profits for the year \$49,062; balance to the credit of profit and loss, \$14,892, whilst \$20,000 was withdrawn from the reserve. The other side of the books shows \$31,782 paid for dividends, \$44,589 deducted from profit and loss, and \$3,000 appropriated for interest, &c. A large withdrawal proportionately that \$2,000 from the reserve.

— A meeting of the creditors of Keen & Viet, Digby, N.S., is called for the 7th prox., to consider an offer of 15 cents on the dollar, payable half in six and half in 12 months, unsecured and without interest. "When men cannot do better than this" says, the Halifax Herald, "they had better be allowed to go under, and go chop wood or get some other honest employment."

— The two remaining mercantile agencies appear to be busy waging a war of extermination against each other. We are reminded of the legend of the Kilkenny cats, which has been versified as follows:

There once were two cats of Kilkenny;
Each thought there was one cat too many;
So they quarreled and 'fit,'
And they scratched and they bit,
Till, excepting their tails,
And some scraps of their nails,
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— A writ of attachment was issued against Anisette M. Aubin, of Windsor, Ont., by Messrs. Shorey & Co., of Montreal, on the 9th inst. The insolvent carried on business at Stony Point, but sold it out to his nephew in August last, when he commenced business at Essex Creek, buying out the stock of George Wilson. The liabilities amount to \$10,000; assets as yet unknown. Mr. Aubin did not seem to concern himself much about the cost of his goods, but sold them rather to suit his customers than himself, with the usual result.

— Mr. T. H. Schneider, formerly in the wholesale grocery business in this city, is on a flying visit from Winnipeg, where he has till lately been carrying on the same trade. Finding the business overdone, even in that lively town, and seeing that there is less competition in the lumber trade, and more demand for the article, he is about to build a saw mill on the Winnipeg River, and will, doubtless, be able to supply the inhabitants of the prairie city with lumber at a considerable reduction from the present high prices ruling there.

— W. M. D. Pearman & Co., wholesale grocers and commissioners, Halifax, are asking extension, and are about to wind up business. Mr. Pearman has been in business for three or four years, and was considered to be doing very fairly. He is to-day solvent, and only asks for a little time to pay his creditors in full. He is a thoroughly reliable man. Creditors' interests are safe in his hands, and none will lose. He is to be commended for his honest straightforward course, and if more were like him, business generally would be in a sounder and healthier condition.

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— D. F. Stewart, of Renfrew, general store-keeper, who made an assignment on the 31st ult., had meeting of his creditors called for the 20th inst., but no creditors appeared. His alleged liabilities are \$1037.10; assets good and bad between \$400 and \$500. A singular feature about this case is that about three years ago he made an assignment and obtained from his creditors a deed of composition and discharge by which he agreed to pay 40 cents in the dollar in six, nine, and twelve months; but although the deed was executed by a sufficient number of his creditors, and representing value to entitle him to his discharge, he never applied to a judge to have it confirmed.

— The gay and festive confidence man has been playing his little game in Pembroke, Ont., with eminent success, and one individual at least is sadder and wiser in consequence. A prominent carriagemaker in that lively community was visited some time ago by a bland and smooth-tongued stranger, who represented himself as travelling for a house dealing in paints and such like commodities. Price lists were produced, and prices quoted, particularly in the article of turpentine, at rates away below Montreal figures. The carriagemaker was greatly pleased with the prospect of purchasing on such good terms, and at once gave an order of considerable extent. To increase the good feeling he was also offered and readily accepted the Pembroke Agency for a certain well-known maker's paints. So far everything went well, but before leaving town the stranger again accosted his would-be customer, and told him the old old story about the accidental insufficiency of his funds to defray his expenses back to Montreal, and all that sort of thing. The latter finally consented to back his sight draft for \$75, and the oily stranger went on his way rejoicing. The draft of course has since been presented for payment but the turpentine has not turned up. And now the carriagemaker thinks