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small " \$4.00 to \$4.25. " Brandies—Registered Brands \$1.00 to \$1.75 per gal.;
Cases \$3.50 to \$6.00.

Prize Medal and Diploma, Exposition Universelle a Paris, 1867.

Silver Medals, Provincial Exhibitions, 1868
"70-73.

—A writ of attachment has issued against Wm. Thompson & Co., produce and commission merchants, Colborne street, Toronto.

—A certain mutual fire insurance company with headquarters at Waterloo, Que., is about to go the way many of its kind have gone already. We learn that two of its "debentures," payable on the 6th inst., have been allowed to go dishonored, and action in insolvency is about to be instituted by a leading legal firm on advice of the Mechanics Bank of this city. The company commenced business last spring under fair auspices, but soon surrounded itself with a needy set of insurance adventurers who have everything to gain and nothing to lose—some of whom contributed in no little degree to the downfall of recent defunct concerns of the mutual class. Particulars next week.

—Rumors having been current that negotiations were being carried on between the Montreal and Dominion Telegraph Companies for putting an end to unnecessary competition and rivalry, Mr. Swinyard, Managing Director of the latter Company, writes to some of the shareholders of the former, that the directors "are satisfied with the steady progress made by our Company, and that, be the relations between the two companies what they may, that progress, they are confident, will continue. At the same time, my Board could not and would not refuse to give their best attention to, and consideration of, any proposition of a definite character which might be made to them in a duly authorized and official manner by the Montreal Company. In no case, however, could I venture to express an opinion as to what might be the conclusion of my Directors in the consideration of such an important matter." The result of the rumor was that Montreal stock went up to 122, but came down to 118½ after Mr. Swinyard's letter appeared.

—Messrs. Thomas Walls & Sons, wholesale dry goods merchants, Toronto, have suspended payment and called a meeting of creditors, to

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be held yesterday. The immediate cause of their failure was the entering of actions against the firm by some house in Britain to recover bills to the amount of £800, which became due on the 4th instant. Messrs. Walls & Sons state that they had on that date bills to the amount of £2,000 due to English firms. Applications for renewals of this paper having been refused, the banks declined to make further advances to enable them to pay. It is understood that they had an extended line of credit at one of our leading banks, which has been curtailed by the conservative policy of its present manager. It is also said that accommodation paper had something to do with their difficulties. The assignee is examining the books of the firm, and they are expected to show a surplus which will enable the house to meet their indebtedness in full with an extension. They have been working up a considerable business, and about a year ago claimed a surplus of \$100,000. The business, however, has been unsatisfactory since that time, many losses having occurred from bad debts. Their direct liabilities are said to be \$150,000 and indirect \$250,000. They claim to have a surplus of \$60,000 or \$70,000. Several other firms are affected by their failure.

—Certain changes have taken place in some of the mercantile agencies in this city. One of them, which recently became a joint stock concern, has lost one of its most competent men, an ex-bank manager, who has connected himself with a rival institution. The absence of the general manager in Toronto, also, is the cause of considerable comment. Perhaps the barret of so-called "Scotch whiskey" recently accepted for a subscription from a house suspected of weakness has had something to do with these internal dissensions.

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—The saying that "one must go from home to hear the news" is illustrated in the facility with which information regarding Montreal and Toronto business is obtained in New York. During a personal visit last week we seemed to realize the wish of the poet expressed in the lines:

"O, wad some power the giftie gie us
To see oursels as ithers see us."

Among other things we were sorry to learn that one of our most popular wholesale men who some time since established business in a leading Atlantic city has been getting down hill at a rapid rate—that the losses of about \$230,000 sustained in Montreal through shrinkages in value, &c., have been aggravated by losses amounting to about \$25,000 since the establishment of business in the United States, and that it will be impossible to avoid a total collapse. It is with no desire to precipitate the catastrophe that we pen these lines; were there a glimmer of hope, we should be extremely loth to make any reference to the subject.