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nal assets of \$12,000. A writ of attachment has

been issued, at suit of one McKenna, the action

arising, it is said, out of some accommodation

- In consequence of a discovery made some

time ago, the directors of the Huron and Eric

Loan and Savings Institution of London, deem-

ed it advisable to have an investigation made

of their books. The result shows a deficiency

of about \$6,500 in the accounts of the manager,

L. Gibson. This amount has been abstracted

during the last five years and covered by irre-

gular entries in the books. On the discovery be-

ing made, Mr. Gibson immediately transferred

\$4000 worth of stock he held, and real estate

sufficient to cover the balance, so that his sure-

ties will not suffer. Mr. Gibson has always enjoyed the confidence of the directors, and at

their last annual meeting they increased his

salary from \$2500 to \$3000. He has been sus-

Messrs. North & Porter, have called a meeting

of their creditors, and it is said their statement

shows a deficiency. The senior of this firm

is a prominent man in the above-named section

has represented the County in Parliament and

-One of the leading firms of Hantsport, N.S.,

given by the latter party.

pended in the meantime.



offered lifteen cents on the dollar on his unsecured liabilities, in four equal instalments, at three, six, nine and twelve months, secured by promissory notes without interest on the first two payments, and on the balance interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, and to pay all preferential claims and expenses in insolvency. His creditors meet in Toronto on the 22nd inst. to take the offer into consideration.

- The stock, real estate, &c., of the insolvent estate of Joseph Woodley, shoe manufacturer of Quebec, amounting per inventory to about \$106,-000, was put up at public competition on the 9th inst., and was knocked down to Mr. Turner, of Whitehead & Turner, wholesale grocers, at the rate of 533 cents on the dollar. It is understood that the purchase is made in behalf of Mr. Woodley, whose offer of compromise was refused by creditors.

- The adjourned meeting of J. Hatchette & Co.'s creditors, held last Monday, was but a continuation of the former one, as far as storminess went. The report presented by the assignee and inspectors was not altogether satisfactory in its nature, but the majority present voted the acceptance of the offer of 20 cents. This is, however, strongly opposed by a number of creditors, and several of the votes will be contested as illegal, so that the whole matter will likely have to be submitted to a judge.

- The assignee has resumed possession of the estate of W. L. Kinmond & Co., file makers, &c., of this city, whose embarrassments, chronic for some time past, have been intensified by internal dissensions. The firm got an extension in 1875, which they were unable to carry out, and were attached in July, 1876, when they compromised liabilities of \$66,000 at 20 cents in the dollar, payable in 6, 12, 18 and 24 months. Even this settlement they are unable to complete, and it is now probable that the estate will be wound up.

- We thought we had seen the last of the failures in the shoe and leather trade, for a time at least, but another has occurred within the last few days, to keep the ball rolling. This time it is Chevallier & McLaughlin, of Montreal and L'Assomption, shoe manufacturers. The firm



has been a large and successful ship-builder for many years past, but has felt the recent depression in common with all others. He has large interests outside the firm above mentioned, being a partner in the brick-making firm of North & Shaw, and also in a store at Horton Landing, carried on as North & Currie

besides having large shipping interests. He has always had the name of being well off, and may be able to lift North & Porter out of their difficulties, though, heing so wide-spread and locked up, he may find some difficulty in doing so.

-S. Benford, a butter dealer, who has been in business on McGill street for some months past, departed suddenly the end of last week. He had submitted a sample of butter for analysis, and some people think that perhaps its quality had something to do with his going away, but it is generally supposed that he had been preparing for a burried exit for some time. He claimed to have a machine for working over bad butter and converting it into a saleable article. If there was any virtue in his process he has had abundant material to work upon for the last year. A number of the butter dealers have been victimized for small amounts, and he has numerous creditors in the country. His liabilities are variously estimated up to \$10,000.

- One of the Toronto Loan Societics has been gleaning some unwonted experience recently. A party of speculators purchased a tract of land in Essex County, Ontario, on the

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