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THE LIABILITIES and assets of George Harcourt & Son, clothiers, Toronto, amount to \$11,000 each, the latter consisting of stock, book debts, fixtures, etc. The firm has made an offer of 50 cents on the dollar without security, which was refused, and the stock will be sold to the highest bidder.

I. E. Bay, a hotel keeper of Galt, Ont., has assigned in trust, with liabilities of \$7,500 and assets \$5,500, consisting of hotel appurtenances and effects. His failure is due to lack of capital, having started about three years ago with \$1,000, and to not paying sufficient attention to his income and expenditure.

At the annual meeting of the Hudson (Hochelagn) Cotton Co., last Friday, the following directors were all re-elected.—A. F. Gault, President, M. H. Gault, W. S. Whitehead, S. H. Ewing, J. Grenier and D. Morrice. The dividend has been passed. The company are tolerably busy on the great variety of goods, the manufacture of which was entered upon last year.

Messrs. Clark, Robblee & Clark of Charlotte-town, P.E.I., who have just received a silver medal for their display of canned goods at the International Fisheries Exhibition, lately held in London, England, have now opened up a can factory, containing the latest improved machinery, with which they propose to manufacture a large quantity of cans for their own use and for sale.

A NOTWORTHY exhibition of the sympathy and esteem which is occasionally shown by our fellow-beings to such as have been undeservedly frowned on by fortune was that afforded last Friday by the citizens of Orillia, Ont., who presented a purse of \$506, with a suitable note of explanation, to the wife of Mr. John World, the jeweller whose assignment, through loss by fire, was recently noticed in the JOURNAL OF COMMERCE.

AN INVENTORY of the stock of Mr. M. T. Hemsworth, a bookseller of Brantford, Ont., is now being taken, and the assets are in the hands

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of the assignee in trust. The business is, however, still going on; the liabilities and assets are supposed to be about equal. His troubles are due to over-stocking.—The liabilities of Benson Bros. & Co., lumber merchants of Quebec and New Liverpool, whose assignment was mentioned some time ago, are computed at \$250,000. Their assets are \$150,000, including lumber and coal property, the former held by different banks and English creditors as security, the latter mortgaged.

WE HAVE pleasure in calling attention to the advertisement in another column, of the new firm of Minto, Lavigne & Co., who are commencing business as Linen Merchants and Manufacturers' Agents, at No. 10 St. Helen St., in this city. We understand the firm have been appointed agents in Canada for several large manufacturers in Britain, who are to consign them complete stocks of their production, to be sold to the trade in Canada on the manufacturers' account. Both parties of the concern have been long resident in Montreal, are active, pushing men, and have a thorough knowledge of their special line of business.

M. L. GILCHRIST, a general dealer of Grenville, Que., has assigned, and is offering 30 cents on the dollar. His liabilities are about \$6,000, and assets \$2,000.—Wm. Keetch, a general merchant at Newmarket, Ont., who formerly did business in Ravenshoe, and who assigned about a year ago had again made assignment, owing to erratic business habits and over-stocking his premises. The stock is now in the hands of trustees, who are taking an inventory.—James Cunningham, a Halifax store dealer's book-keeper, after presenting a cheque on the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, for \$246, endorsed to all appearances by his employer, has left the scene of his past labors, carrying with him the disgraceful opprobrium of a forger.

When Mr. John Craib, general storekeeper of Clinton, Ont., dissolved with his late partner about a year ago, he showed a surplus of about \$7,000, and as he was considered the better business man of the old firm, he began under favorable auspices and with good credit. Instead of the surplus, he now shows a deficiency of about \$2,000 on liabilities of about \$22,000. Mr. Craib's estate, which has been assigned, is under the supervision of a leading dry goods firm of this city, pending a settlement with his creditors at 70 cents in the dollar, which he has proposed.

A few years ago Menat & Co., dry goods dealers, this city, followed the "star of empire," which even in the compass of a city almost invariably tends westward, establishing themselves on St. Catherine street near the energetic retail firm of Dupuis Bros., who usually make competition rather keen for their neighbors. The weaker has gone to the wall. Mr. Menat the sole proprietor has assigned to Kent & Tuttle, showing liabilities of about \$13,000. He claims a surplus of \$5,000, but it is largely in book accounts, and consequently subject to considerable shrinkage.

GEORGE A. MANN, dealer in boots and shoes, Strathroy, Ont., is again in trouble. He failed some eight years ago when engaged in the tin-ware business. He began the boot and shoe business six years ago. He states he has given a chattel mortgage to a representative of his present creditors in order to secure them as far as possible against the claims of a loan society, to whom he gave a mortgage on his real estate previous to his first failure. He has all along been under the impression that this claim, some \$1,200, had been settled by the assignee at the time. Mr. Mann does not appear to lack industry. He had the misfortune to have his dwelling-house burned down some two months ago.