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— The first meeting of creditors in the failure of Hugh F. Cumming, of Grenville, was held last Saturday. The statement of the insolvent shows assets \$412.93, and liabilities \$1,484.58. Mr. Gavin J. Walker, of Lachute was appointed assignee.

— It is proposed to form an association of Ontario tanners, who will aim, as the prospectus states, "to bring about a more healthy state of the trade," and to suggest needed alterations in the Act concerning the inspection of hides and skins.

— In the matter of Joseph Pilon & Co., founders, of Lachute, insolvents, a meeting of the creditors was held last Thursday. A statement of the insolvents was exhibited; assets \$3,244, consisting of stock in trade, implements, machinery, book debts, &c. Liabilities \$2,229. This statement was rejected by the creditors; the valuation of the assets being too high altogether, and the liabilities being known to be larger than confessed. No offer was made by the insolvents, and the creditors instructed the assignee Mr. Gavin J. Walker to wind up the estate.

— Messrs. E. Burnham & Co., a very respectable firm interested in shipping and general store business at Digby, N.S., are in embarrassed circumstances, and are asking an extension of 6, 12, and 18 months. Their liabilities are about \$29,000, of which \$9,700 is accommodation paper held by the Union Bank and the Bank of Nova Scotia, and for which Messrs. Burnham & Co. hold no security. Their assets nominally reach \$53,000, the main items being

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outstanding accounts \$19,800, stock \$18,000, real estate \$9,700 and vessel property \$5,600. It is expected they will be able to effect the desired arrangement.

—Guimond & Co., one of the more prominent store keeping firms of Beauharnois, have assigned. They were in trouble before, in 1875, when judgment having been given against them for some \$2700, arising out of a property transaction, which had been carried through several courts, they went into insolvency. Their liabilities then amounted to \$38,000, which they compromised at 50 cents on the dollars, secured by Messrs. Robertson, Linton & Co., who were the principal creditors. Their credit has never been re-established since, as it was considered by many that they would have difficulty in carrying out the settlement. Their present indebtedness is estimated at about \$20,000.

—Messrs. James McCready & Co., of this city, prominent wholesale boot and shoe manufacturers, who went security for M. Donovan & Co. at the time the latter purchased the insolvent estate of Donovan, Williams & Shannon, have recently bought out the entire business of the latter, and are about to wind it up. The business of M. Donovan & Co. had been fairly remunerative, James McCready & Co. sharing in the profits, but the business of this firm is so extensive that the controlling partner found it impossible to give that attention to the business of M. Donovan & Co. which it required. Mr. Donovan retires with some little means acquired in the business meantime, doubtless due the ability of the gentleman who befriended him.

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— Wm. Kirwin, a well-known sporting character in this city, in years gone by, when the officers of the various British regiments then stationed here made matters in that line more lively than they are at the present day, and who has of late years been keeping the "Aldion hotel" in Quebec, has assigned. Unfortunately this is not the first occasion of his seeking the kindly offices of the assignee. He failed exactly two years ago, with liabilities of \$39,000, which were compromised at a small figure, and a discharge obtained in April, 1877. This first failure was unexpected by the majority of his creditors, and his credit has since been very weak. The amount of liabilities in connection with his present failure is not yet known.

— Mr. David E. Kinnaird Stewart has been showing the people of Chicago a clean pair of heels. Mr. Stewart was formerly well-known in Belleville and vicinity, but, convinced that his talents as a lawyer required a larger field, he worked his way gradually as far as Chicago, that favorite resort of ambitious young Canadians. Mr. Stewart was successful. Among other windfalls he procured the collection business of Messrs. Dun, Wiman & Co. in that city, and in a very few years, by native cleverness and industry, had begun to accumulate wealth. He established several relatives in business in the Garden City. In an evil hour he was tempted to "try a flyer." He won; and then began the mischief. Further grain speculations were indulged in, he lost heavily, other funds than his own are said to have been risked,