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It is pretty well known that profits in the grocery business have been exceedingly light for some time past in Canada, but few could readily believe that the gross profits of a city house just failed, since the 1st January last, and on a business of \$45,000 would reach only \$19,000. The expenses and interest of the firm referred to were meantime some \$3,000, exclusive of partners' drawings. The trade requires some reformation.

Mr. H. V. FRANCE, local manager of the Dominion Telegraph Company at Toronto, has been missing for several days, and with him a

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considerable sum of money belonging to the company. Some three weeks ago he secured leave of absence to look for a suitable house, and shortly afterwards the discovery was made that he had left the city, leaving his wife behind. He had been drinking to excess, and when last seen he appeared to be very nervous and greatly excited. Some of the officers examined his books, and found most of the outstanding accounts wrong, and that for the past six months he had at various times received sums, in all amounting to about \$3,000, which he neglected to enter in the books. It was also discovered that he had been dabbling in stocks, but the results of his ventures in this direction are not known. The company hold a guarantee

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Bottlers.)****Guinness' Stout, Bass' and Allsopp's Ale, &c.****Roig Ponseti & Co., Barcelona and Tarragona Spanish
Ports.****J. H. Henkes Delftshaven, Holland, Superior Geneva
George Roe & Co., Dublin, Celebrated Old Irish
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policy, and will not lose much. The general impression is that he has fled to the States, but some of his friends, including his wife, are of opinion that he has drowned himself.

The failure of Messrs. Mathewson & Patton, of this city, wholesale grocers, although occurring at a time when everything promises well for the future of trade, has not taken the business community by surprise. The present firm dates from a few years back, being composed of Mr. H. Mathewson of the former house, and Mr. Patton, late with Geo. Childs & Co. The firm lacked sufficient means, and the state of the grocery business for some time past did not tend to improve their condition. Liabilities about \$2,500. It is probable that the only remedy is to wind up the business, and for this purpose an auction sale of the assets will probably be held ere long. Sixty cents may be realized. The principal creditors are H. Mathewson, \$5,000; Henry Chapman & Co., \$1,800; John Osborne & Sons, \$1,500; Gillispie, Moffatt & Co., \$1,100.