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& Boyd. He and his partner did not agree together very well-there was a lack of that harmony between them which is essential to the success of a firm, and a dissolution was arranged. Mr. Fralick continued the business alone, but discovering he had only about \$6,700 of assets to pay liabilities of \$9,600 he proposed that his creditors should accept 50 cents in the dollar. This we believe they agreed to, but he has apparently been unable to complete the arrangement.

- The total liabilities of J. E. Clement, of St. Johns, Que., whose failure we noticed last week, amount to about \$52,000, made up as follows: direct \$20,601, indirect \$2,225, mortgages \$13,090, unpaid calls on bank stock \$16,320. The assets are of very nucertain value, though nomically showing a margin over the indebtedness. The principal items are real estate \$25,000, subject to mortgage as above, shares in La Banque de St. Jean \$27,200, upon which 69 per cent. of calls is due, as above noted, about \$5,000 in outstanding debts and sundry other small items. It will thus be readily seen that there is really not much upon which to depend for a dividend, as the margin to be realized upon the real estate over and above mortgages cannot be large, and the unpaid calls due on the bank stock will more than swamp the present paid-up value. The first regular meeting will be held on the 23rd inst., and the

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- A meeting of the creditors of John Chamberlain of Lindsay was held on the 13th inst. Liabilities, ordinary, \$952.15; preferential \$51.50; total, \$1,003.65. Assets: stock, \$77.25; shop furniture, \$7.50; book accounts, \$562.02 \$646.77; deficit \$356.88. Many of the book debts are bad. The insolvent offered to pay all preferential claims and expenses in insolvency and 10 cents on the dollar on ordinary claims in 6 and 12 months unsecured. The meeting was adjourned to the 22nd inst. Geo. Kemp was appointed assignee and A. K. F. McAllen of Montreal inspector.

- At the first meeting of creditors of Thomas Douglas of Cambray, held 14th inst., Thomas Darling of Montreal was appointed assignee. The insolvent offers \$2,800 secured for the estate, and to pay all expenses in insolvency and preferential claims. The meeting adjourned to Montreal on call of assignee appointed after five days' notice.

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\$7,484 63 Assets, Stock and furniture in shop, \$3,381.15; book debts, \$944.66; notes, \$122.45; horses, waggons, &c., \$192.30; real estate valued at \$2,300.00-\$6,940.76; deficit, \$347.45.

- The insolvent estate of James Beaty, Leader office, and of W. L. McGillivrny, statiduer, were sold by auction in Toronto this week,

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- Stone & Bailey, Peterborough, doing a small business in fruits and confectionrey, have made an offer of 33c on the dollar of their liabilities, secured, which will probably be accepted. Their liabilities are \$2800; assets, stock \$1292, book debts \$735.

- The Dominion Bank was unintentionally omitted from the table of weekly average prices of stocks for 1878, published last week. Its stock began the year at 121 and maintained the same figure throughout. The new premises of the bank on King Street west are among the most elegant in the Dominion.

- Dun, Wiman & Co.'s Annual Circular, just issued, gives a comparative table of failures in the United Stated and Canada for the last six years as follow:

United-States. Canada. No. Amount No. Amount 1873... 5,163 \$228,589,000 994 \$12,334,192 1874... 5,830 155,239,000 7,696,765 .996 201,060,353 1875... 7,740 1,968 28,843,967 1876... 9,092 191,117,786 1,728 25,517,991 1877... 8,872 190,669,936 1,892 25,523,903 1878... 10,478 234,383,132 555 9,100,929

This is not a very satisfactory exhibit for our neighbors, while in Canada there would seem to be a considerable improvement. We must defer further reference.

-The liabilities of ex-Alderman Gearing of Toronto so far as can be ascertained are about \$95,000, of which about \$60,000 was secured on real estate which may possibly be worth \$50,000 to \$55,000. The preferential claims for workmen's wages are about \$4000, rent \$1500, taxes