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FROM Prince Edward Island to Vancouver is quite a jump. Samuel Mc-Pherson made it in 1896, and started a tailoring establishment on limited means. He has now assigned owing \$5,500, and there are only \$1,571 worth of assets.

ALFRED STARKEY, of this city, knows what it is to have worked for someone else, to have started in business for himself as a shoe dealer, and more recently to become a bankrupt. Mr. Starkey first opened a store at 706 Queen street west, but when the Manning Building near the city hall was completed, became one of its "star" tenants. He got beyond his depth, however, and has made an assign-

To give credit freely and have to settle regularly with one's own creditors is certain to result in disaster sooner or later to a man with small means. A thousand dollars in the bank is worth two thousand dollars of book accounts any time. It would appear that the grocery firm of Joyce & Mayhew, at Sault Ste. Marie, has been giving credit, and their capital having become exhausted they have assigned. The business was started in 1891.

THE distance between any two places in one country is not considerable when it comes to a matter of creditors reaching debtors through process of law. Parent Bros. conducted a general store at North Bay from October, 1891, till last month, when they moved to Sault Ste. Marie, or rather to Stulton, an annex to the Soo. The month could not have been a happy one for the firm, for they were sued, judgments were recorded, and now they have assigned.

THE failure of Joseph Desforges, doing business alone, under the style of Desforges, Desforges & Co., hardware, Mentreal, which occurred on the 19th inst., was not altogether unlooked for. He commenced business in 1894, but has experienced more or less uphill work from the start. His statement has not yet been made public. It was only in April last that he claimed a surplus of \$13,500. What has become of this remains to be seen.

THE summer hotel business is an uncertain one. We have seen fine large comfortable places almost barren of guests even during a heated term, and other hotels not nearly so nicely located nor so well appointed, crowded to suffo-Friends follow friends, and crowds follow crowds. There was to have been a summer hotel at Goderich in operation this last season, but there was a hitch some place. W. H. Smith undertook to erect a resort to cost \$16,500, if the town would loan him \$10,000 for 20 years. This was agreed upon and work was begun. The town has paid out \$5,000 and will not deal out any more until the \$16,500 has been expended. There was to have been an "opening" on 1st July, but it didn't come off, and matters having become complicated, Mr. Smith has made an assignment.

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