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have turned out unfortunate. Ilis wife holds the title to some property. He is supposed to have lost by the failure of Hill of Ottawa, who suddenly removed to Chicago a short time since.

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MESSES. Blair and Larmour, dry goods merchants, Winnipeg, referred to in our issue of 2nd inst., have been compelled to assign. The difficulties are chiefly referable to the judgment for some \$40,000 held by Stobart, Eden & Co. of that city. The firm, who are both young men, carried on business formerly in Prescott, Ont., where they were reported to have made upwards of \$20,000. With this capital they purchased the retail business of Stobart, Eden & Co., and up to the time of the extension, about a month ago, were reported to have made nearly \$20,-000 more. At that time the other creditors

any reasonable indulgence as to time. The firm will probably pay 100c in the dollar if not pressed too soon.

THE Suspension, last Saturday, of the wholesale hardware firm of C. C. Snowdon & Co., one of the oldest houses in that line in this city, has been the chief topic in the trade this week. Mr. C. C. Snowdon has been in business in his own name for the last 23 years; he was formerly associated with the firm of Jas. Walker & Co., and in 1859 the name was changed to Walker, Snowdon & Co. A few years later Mr. Walker retired, since which time the business has been carried on under the present name, a traveller, Mr. Jas. G. Howdon, having been admitted some two years ago; be did not, however, put in much capital. In 1875, Mr. Snowdon claimed to be worth \$75,000, when he purchased the present store property, which

ity and energy Mr. Snowdon is probably convinced by this time that his endeavor to control the market in nails, employing them as a " leading line," was somewhat of a mistake. He made little money himself, and for a considerable time kept others from doing so. Another and perhaps more immediate cause of the failure is said to be the inability of a Winnipeg firm, who are a supply account of C. C. Snowdon & Co. for \$20,000, to meet their paper. On the 1st January last the latter showed a surplus of about \$10,000, but are understood to have since met with heavy losses on recent transactions in the North-West. The firm have assigned in trust, and an inventory of the stock is being taken. The liabilities are estimated at about \$150,000, due principally in this city; there are also some English creditors, and a few in the United States,