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MRS. ANNIE MORRISON, hats and caps, Queen street west, Toronto, assigns, owing \$1,800.—Joseph L. Nichol, doing business as the Dominion Butchers' Supply Co., in Toronto, has assigned.—A chattel mortgage on the effects of Francis Byrnes, baker, etc., in Hamilton, has been foreclosed, and his stock is to be sold.

SOME years ago, John A. Wightman and a brother conducted a dry goods business at Port Perry. They failed and John A. came to Toronto to take a position with the Robert Simpson Co. In June, 1888, he started business for himself under his wife's name. Last year, in July, a statement was given out in which his assets were shown to amount to \$9,700, against liabilities of \$6,000. For some time past payments to the trade have been slow, and now the creditors have taken possession. Mr. James Glanville has been appointed trustee.

WHETHER it be that those persons who come from the United States to engage in mercantile pursuits in Canada are prosperous, or whether it is because very few come thence to this country to start in business we do not know. But it may be of interest to learn that very few failures are recorded of firms whose business career commenced in the States. And when there does crop up a failure of the sort it almost always takes place in British Columbia. O. S. Walker & Co., men's furnishings, Grand Forks, started there in November, 1898, having originally conducted business at Minneapolis. A year ago they asked for and secured an extension of time, but being unable to carry out their payments they effected a compromise with creditors at 25 cents on the dollar, in May last. Their statement at that time showed a stock valued at \$7,000, book accounts \$550, and a house and lot \$1,500, total \$9,050. In view of the fact that their liabilities amounted to \$8,000, it is hard to understand why the concern was not wound up then. They have now made an assignment.

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