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A Consular Agency is about to be established at Stratford instead of having that city an out-port, as it were, of Gederich.

THE liabilities of Beaudet & Chinic, wholesale hardware dealers, who suspended payment a week ago, are heavy. Four banks are interested, for sums aggregating \$162,000, and Mr. J.G. Ross is a heavy creditor. Efforts have been made to get the firm to resume.

As a further evidence of good faith towards its policy-holders, the Agricultural Insurance Company, of Watertown, N. Y., has added \$25,000 in U. S. bonds to its deposit at Ottawa. This makes the amount placed there for the security of Canadian policy-holders \$125,000 The cash value of which is, to-day said to be \$160.000.

THE assignment is announced of the Newmarket Hat Co., of Newmarket. It was owned by W. H. Ashworth, who became involved about ten years ago, when the business was assumed by a Montreal house. Three years. ago Ashworth again took charge and has again failed .- J. J. M. Meakins, in the tobacco and cigar business, at Hamilton, has been closed up by a local firm, the principal creditor. He was a young man without, it is said, either ability or experience. - We noted in our last the probability of an assignment being the outcome of the troubles of D. Darvill, a founder in London. This has come to pass. -A Toronto firm of founders, Goodes & Hardie, has come to grief after about a year's experience. The effects were, the other day, disposed of under power of chattel mortgage. -W. E. Laughton & Co., dealers in paper bags in this city, have assigned. Their trouble is doubless due to the fact that a partner named Leslie, but trading as Rand, has been arrested on a charge of forgery. He was the monied partner.—C. Dietrich, a city jeweller, who obtained rather unsavory notoriety in February last, has assigned for the second

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