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has been attached by George Childs & Co. It is just about a year ago that we referred to this party before, he having failed in December, 1877 with liabilities of about \$22,000, which he compromised at 50 cents on the dollar. His present liabilities are not yet known, nor is it stated whether his former settlement is completed.

— The liabilities of the 915 failures in New York city the past year were \$61,000,000, an increase of \$12,000,000 over 1877, due mainly early in the year to the expected repeal of the Insolvent Act.

— The liabilities in the Elliott, Phillips & Co. failure aggregate about \$103,000, of which \$53,000 is indirect, \$21,000 being to the Union Bank. Of direct indebtedness, the larger proportion is due in Montreal, there being only about \$12,000 owed to English houses. No estimate of assets has yet been completed, but the indications are that the showing will be a fair one. The first regular meeting will be held on the 7th proximo, when it is expected a settlement will be effected.

— A demand of assignment has been made upon Joseph May, importer, &c., of St. Paul street, and he has since assigned to C. Beaussollet; liabilities are stated at \$40,000 to \$50,000 while the assets are understood to be pretty

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well reduced. Mr. May has been in poor health for some months past, and his business has suffered in consequence. Of late years his business has been mainly a commission one, but some years ago he was an importer of some magnitude and was unfortunate in that line, having failed in 1869 with liabilities of \$130,000. He effected an arrangement at the time, and went to reside in Europe for a period, but subsequently returned, having secured agencies for several French and Belgian houses, whom he has since represented.

— Thomas Douglas, of Cambrai, Ont., general storekeeper, has made an assignment to George Kempt, official assignee, Lindsay. He had been in business for a number of years, and been fairly successful until recently. Some of his outside investments not proving very profitable, he has not been able for some time past to meet his notes at maturity, and was recently sued on a note that had been three times renewed, which resulted in forcing him to take his present step. His liabilities foot up \$6,710 of which about \$3,300 is due to Montreal houses, \$1,580 to Toronto firms, and \$230 to J. A. Hendry & Bros., Kingston. His friends say he only requires time to pay in full.

— The New York Times has given practical illustration of the way in which friendly relations may be cultivated between employer and employed. In the fall of 1876 it induced its compositors and proof-readers to leave the

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printers' union, agreeing to make good any advantages of the union's position as a mutual benefit society. This was done by paying a cent less than the regular rates and contributing an equal share with the printers to a benefit fund, into which each printer and proof-reader is required to pay 15 cents a week, and from which \$5 a week at first, and now \$8, is paid in sickness, and \$300 to the widow and children, or next of kin, at death. In two years \$2,318 has been accumulated above expenses.

— At the recent meeting of the Commercial Travellers' Association in Toronto, James Patterson was elected President. The following officers were also elected: Toronto, 1st Vice-President, Waring Kennedy; 2nd Vice-President, W. H. Ridley. Directors—R. W. Gowanlock, J. C. Black, J. A. Dobbie, J. Burns, A. H. Munro, J. F. Ellis, H. W. Darling, G. Virtue, W. Morrison. Hamilton—1st Vice-President, W. E. Sanford; 2nd Vice-President, J. H. Stone. Directors—J. A. Orr, J. S. Macmahon, S. Kemp, J. H. Herring, E. A. Dalley, M. A. Kerr. Guelph—Vice-President, Auld; Director—J. B. Armstrong. London—Directors—G. Furniss, J. Gowanlock. Brantford—Directors—J. S. Hamilton, John Harris. The membership, which is now 1,079, has been increased by 227 during the year. The annual report showed the Association to be in a flourishing condition, and its assets to be \$5,060 more than last year.

— The following have been appointed official assignees for their respective districts:

Geo. H. Pope, for county of Hastings and city of Belleville; R. C. W. McConaig, county