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THE FAILURE of Rial Canfield, general store and lumber dealer of Jarvis, Ont., has created some surprise, he having been regarded as one of the substantial men of that locality. At a meeting of creditors we believe, Mr. Canfield stated his liabilities at something over \$70,000 with assets of about one-third that amount. As the estate seems to be somewhat "mixed," the creditors appointed Mr. J. J. Mason of Hamilton to investigate his affairs.

It is announced that Messrs. James Austin & Co., merchants of Montreal, have suspended; and it is rumored that their estate will show a considerable deficiency. As far as we can learn the concern had the confidence of a good many houses and seem to have given no premonitory indications of their final collapse.

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MESSRS. R. S. T. DAVIDSON & Co. of London, in the retail dry goods trade assigned last week. We have been unable to ascertain the exact amount of liabilities but believe they will be nearer \$25,000 than \$20,000, more than half of this amount being, we understand, due to one establishment in Montreal.

A BROKER of St. Catherines, Mr. J. Ambrose Goodman, who has been for many years employed in various banks and commenced in St. Catherines the above business in 1869, left that town suddenly on the 9th inst. for parts unknown. There are stated to be some circumstances connected with his departure which, if as represented, render him eligible for a place in the penitentiary, notwithstanding for many years his character was above reproach.

THE FINANCIAL pressure in New Brunswick and the Maritime Provinces seems to have been felt with special severity by the traders of St. John, N.B. Since we announced the suspension of Messrs. Cudlip & Snider, we learn that Captain W. M. B. Firth, ship-chandler of the same city, has also suspended; and H. R. Ranney, insurance agent, has been compelled to take the same step. Messrs. Cudlip & Snider have been for many years one of the prominent business firms of St. John, the senior member having represented the city in the local Parliament, for some time since Confederation, where he took a foremost place among the anti-unionist party in the Province. They were principally engaged in handling cargoes of timber for European houses on commission. They also had agencies for many of the principal wine and spirit houses on the continent of Europe. Their liabilities are stated at about \$130,000 and assets believed to be not much more than half that amount.

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Mr. Ranney is well known in Ontario and represents some of our local fire insurance companies. Some years ago he organized a company of underwriters known as the St. John Lloyds, and has since acted as its agent.

IT IS A pity that the pork corner engineered by Wm. Young & Co. of Chicago is likely to prove a success, in a measure at least. To attempt to control so important an article of trade, involving such large amounts of money, is a daring venture; but it appears that the conspirators have laid their plans well, and are steadily gathering in the profits. In June last operations were commenced by buying up simultaneously all that could be obtained in the different markets of the United States at or above current rates, which were then \$12 to \$12.25. Many of the sellers thinking they had done well sold "short" to a large extent, expecting to buy to fill their contracts. So well was the "corner" managed, however, that in most cases this was found to be impossible, and the only alternative was to settle up with Young & Co. on the best terms obtainable. It usually cost \$2.50 to \$3.50 per barrel to get matters arranged. Ever since June the firm named have bought all the pork that offered at the steadily advancing prices fixed by themselves, and of course filled the demand from consumers at their own rates. The present position is that Young & Co. hold all the pork in the Chicago market, some 90,000 barrels, and doubtless nearly all that remains of last year's crop. An effect is that while the stock in New York on the 15th inst. was but 19,000 barrels, against 47,000 brls. last year; Chicago has 90,000 to 95,000 brls. against about 14,000 brls. last year. The next six weeks will