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A MEETING of the shareholders of the Stadacona Fire Insurance Company was held in Quebec yesterday. It was stated that the losses of the company thus far had been in excess of its receipts. One of the directors, Mr. Casgrain, favoured the idea of continuing the company's business upon a reduced scale, and feared the effect of its affairs falling into the hands of an assignee. He regarded it as preferable for stockholders to pay needed calls. The meeting was still in session when the above telegram was sent.

MESSRS. YOUNG, McNAUGHTON & Co., wholesale dealers in gents' furnishings in Montreal, have been for a number of years very sensitive about their credit, and, it will be remembered by many of our readers that the firm threatened over a year ago, resort to the strong arm of the law, to punish us for a statement we made in these columns which they complained did them an injustice. Their recent failure may throw some light upon their anxiety about their reputation, as their affairs have assumed a very different appearance from what was expected before the meeting. It was generally believed that the estate would not be a very good one; but none were prepared for such an extraordinary exhibit as was presented to their creditors last week:

The liabilities direct amount to..... \$142,000  
Indirect ..... 101,000

Total..... \$243,000

ASSETS:  
Stock ..... \$55,000  
Fixtures ..... 6,000  
Bills renewable..... 2,200  
Open accounts \$32,  
valued at..... 8,000

\$71,000

Deficiency.. 172,000

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**SESSIONS COOPER & SMITH,**  
MANUFACTURERS, IMPORTERS AND WHOLESALE  
DEALERS IN  
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A committee was appointed to investigate their affairs and report, and it is to be hoped that they will not fail to do their duty thoroughly.

We have been sometimes told that it is a mistake to conclude, from the number of people whom we have chronicled from week to week as selling out or going out of business, that there is any perceptible reduction in the number of country traders. Nevertheless we think that facts must tell. This week we hear of a woollen firm and a soap firm in Galt who desire to sell out; of a builder in London, a fancy goods dealer in the same city, a hotel keeper in Belleville, a confectioner in Oshawa, a grocery firm in Oshawa, a milliner in Waterloo, and a tavern keeper in Toronto, who are going, or have gone, out of business. Writs of attachment have been issued against Messrs. J. P. O'Higgins & Co., grocers London; A. R. Schulenberg, lumber, Windsor; Terence Smith, Chapeau; J. M. Bourdon, Dundee; M. O'Heir, St. Gabriel de Brandon; J. A. McKean & Co., Conquerall. N. S.; J. H. Hymers, Ireland, general dealers; O. Goulet, Quebec; Estate C. Douglass, St. Catharines, hardware; Deziel & Dewitt, tailors, Montreal; Ketchley, & McGee, harness, Stirling; W. Heffernan, furniture, Halifax; J. K. Martin, shoes, Windsor, N. S.; W. W. Boughner, shoes, Chatham. We note eight assignments, two of them by general dealers. Messrs. Gaudrie Bros. shoes, Port Hope, offering a compromise; a tavern keeper, and a general merchant removing from Ontario to Manitoba, and a variety of dissolutions and other business changes which it is not needful to particularize.

—It is announced from St. Louis that five more banks, in addition to the German Bank, have failed in that city, namely, the Bank of St. Louis, North St. Louis Savings, Iron Mountain, Lucas Market and Union Savings Bank.

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