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THE suspension of the well-known wholesale fruit firm of Vipond, McBride & Co., Montreal, will be heard of with general regret. Messrs. Vipond and McBride were among the first to engage in this line of business in a large way, and the business of itself has always shown good earnings for the past 25 years, which, however, have been more than swallowed up by accommodation to relatives and friends, and unfortunate investments in a fruit steamer, in a manufacturing confectionery business, etc. Mr. McBride has been a useful member of the city council for some years, and some much criticized pressure from a quarter whence better things would be expected, with the object of disqualifying him as a candidate at the civic elections just held, was the immediate cause of their suspension.

THE Royal Hat and Cap Manufacturing Co., Montreal, of which Dame Rose Simon, wife of Moses Wetstein, is the registered owner, is in trouble, and Mr. Wetstein is reported an absentee, owing to some better explanations the Customs authorities would like to have him make about certain irregularities in his entries. Wetstein came here with uncertain antecedents, some ten years ago, and began cap-making. He failed badly five years later, though he had within a few months claimed a surplus of some \$14,000. He was charged at the time with obtaining a large bill fraudulently from an American firm, who, however, did not appear to give evidence when the case came up. The amount of present liabilities is not yet ascertained.

D. CHARRON, a grocer at Hull, Que., is seeking a compromise arrangement, the business being closed up owing to foreclosure of a chattel mortgage for \$3,000, held by his principal Ottawa creditor. He is said to owe about \$6,000 in all.—An offer of 66% cents is being made by L. A. Frechette, general merchant, Thetford Mines, Que., upon whom a demand of assignment has been made by Thibaudeau Bros. & Co. Liabilities in all amount to \$11,528.—Upon demand an assignment has been made by Arthur Champagne, carriagemaker at Chambly, Que. He owes about \$2,500.—An offer of 25 cents on the dollar, made by L. M. S. Lemieux, general store, Marbleton, Que., having been refused, he has assigned. Liabilities are \$2,300, with assets of about \$900.—H. A. Lalonde, is an implement agent at River Beaudette, Que., and also runs a small store, managed by his wife. He is reported to be asking a settlement on a 25 per cent. basis.—A short business record has been that of Lacourse & Lefrancois, grocers, etc., Shawenigan Falls, Que. They were formerly stationary engineers, and began shop-keeping last summer without any experience whatever. The result usual in such cases has not been long in developing, and they have assigned on demand.—A demand of abandonment has been made upon Joseph Allaire, doing a small tailoring business at St. Hyacinthe, Que.

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