

dering judgment, stated that Barwick's action, so far as it claimed damages for wrongful dismissal, was dismissed with costs against plaintiff. The accounts were taken between the parties, showing a balance in favor of plaintiff of \$303.70, subject to any damages which the Judge may assess against the plaintiff for deceit, as to which judgment was reserved. This matter of deceit or misrepresentation of assets is, as we understand the matter, of essential weight in defendants' case, so that it is premature to conclude that plaintiff has succeeded.

This week we have eight failures to notice in Manitoba. Among them is that of Thomas Oliver of Carberry. The sheriff has taken possession of his electric light plant.—John Carswell, general storekeeper at Douglas, has assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand.—The sheriff is in possession of the boot and shoe stock of Douglas & Co., Portage La Prairie, on executions amounting to \$1,500.—In the same place, Snider & Miller, last year, purchased the stock of John McCauley at 40 per cent. discount. No cash was paid, but each partner was to invest \$1,000. Now they assign.—The sheriff has taken possession of the premises of H. W. Gocher & Co., machinists at Souris.—The Manitoban Publishing Co. (not incorporated), which started business in Winnipeg less than two years ago, has assigned.—The mortgagees of H. D. Tulloch & Co., wholesale leather dealers in the same city, have taken possession of their premises.

A FAILURE that is having a very disturbing effect in the Huntingdon, Que., district is that of Andrew Somerville, private banker and county registrar, a man who has been prominent in the section for many years, and who has hitherto been considered in very sound financial position. He has been interested in the organ manufacturing firm of G. W. Cornwall & Co., also reported in these columns as assigned, and has been endorsing for that concern, and though this latter fact has precipitated his failure, it is quite evident that his position has not been a solid one for some time past. He has been the depository for considerable trust funds, and it is feared the failure may be the cause of more or less distress in certain quarters. His statement, filed with the deed of assignment, shows bills payable \$42,800, mortgages \$29,261, endorsements \$14,000, open accounts \$22,316, and other liabilities

ties to make an aggregate of \$164,700, with a nominal surplus of \$17,081, but it is feared that in the realization of the assets there will be a very serious shrinkage.

#### UNITED STATES PATENTS TO CANADIAN INVENTORS.

The following list of United States patents to Canadian inventors, granted January 16th, 1894, is reported expressly for this paper:

Ore-concentrator or mineral saving machine, Thomas Davidson, Mount Brydges, Canada.

Bath-tub, Frederick J. Hazard, Toronto, Canada.

Machine for compressing pulp, Frank B. Howard, Montreal, Canada.

Time-stamp, John Sharp, Toronto, Canada.

Dust guard and oil saver for car axles, Wm. A. Warman, Moncton, Canada.

Putting-tool, Theodore White, Chilliwack, Canada.

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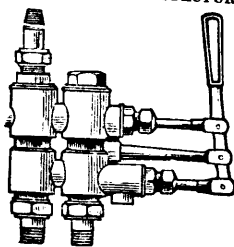
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