

Simpson has won the esteem and confidence of all with whom he came in contact. To adapt Shakspeare "he hath done well in people's eyes."

Our readers will remember that two weeks ago we stated that Stoutenburg, Smith & Co., at Brandon, who started business there a short time since reported that they had their safe robbed the night previous to some large debts becoming due. This story was then looked upon with suspicion by those who knew the previous history of the senior partner, and it now turns out that there was good ground for this distrust, and a representative of the creditors being sent to Brandon, the firm assigned. And when they got their affairs into shape they they cleared out, leaving liabilities of \$12,000, and assets in the shape of goods to the amount of probably \$5,000. After they had gone, an examination of their cash book disclosed the fact that they had taken about \$8,000 with them. Several cases of goods were also missing. However, the parties were traced to Fargo, Dakota, and were locked up for having in their possession property that had been assigned. They were to have been tried yesterday.

Messrs. Hall & Irwin, millers and grain dealers at Woodstock, have got into trouble, and Hall is reported to have left the country. The firm was originally Forest & Hall, and the former sold his interest to the latter, who in turn disposed of a half share to Irwin, his brother-in-law, a farmer. Irwin knew nothing of the business, and in order to raise money sold his farm for \$6,500, and invested in the property which was valued at \$20,000, but mortgaged for half this sum. They did a fair business, but found their capital too limited for their operations. As their ultimate success seemed doubtful, Hall, it would seem, had determined to make the most of the situation at all hazards, and it is feared that in doing so an improper use has been made of warehouse receipts. Not only this, but the day before his departure he is said to have secured some \$2,000, which he carried off with him. Irwin has a good deal of sympathy, having lost his farm. The Bank of Commerce has taken possession of the property.

A few years ago, Messrs. Bole, Stickle & Co., started a foundry at Watford, Ont. They did a small business for some years, and in 1880 became involved, and judgments were entered against them. These were paid, and a joint stock company, with a capital of \$10,000, was formed, about the end of the year. The stock was principally held by farmers, who, however, did not all work in harmony. Another difficulty was in the management, too much interference with those who nominally had control. Consequently a good deal of dissatisfaction existed, and some of the shareholders refused to pay their calls as they became due. Now it is believed that all the available assets are under seizure by a private banker, who was also a shareholder, and had advanced considerable money. The general creditors, too, have been pushing their claims, and although the company had sold a good many implements it was not in a position to respond to the demands made upon it. The original founders of the company are said to have worked industriously to make it successful, but in this they have both failed, and it will probably be wound up.

The Amphitheatre on James street, in this city, whose walls, many a time and oft, have "echoed to the tread of either Brutus," we mean the tread of Tory partisans, presents quite a different aspect during these warm August afternoons. This spacious enclosure is daily filled to its utmost capacity by men, women and children, who assemble there to witness the operation of pulling teeth, and alleged instantaneous cures by a French female quack. This person, of no very prepossessing appearance, seated upon a gorgeous chariot, and attired like some oriental snake charmer, extracts teeth free of charge, restores (?) sight and hearing to the blind and deaf, and cures (?) the lame. The first she undoubtedly does, but as for perform-

ing miracles, the belief that she does so only adds another to the list of popular delusions. Like all others of her class, she has a most wonderful panacea for sale, which will of course cure every kind of disease. This nostrum costs \$50c. per bottle, and it is truly amazing to behold the credulity and gullibility of her auditors. The money literally flows into her treasury. The pleasure of being fleeced seems to be thoroughly enjoyed. Perhaps much of this money, if properly spent, would go towards liquidating the claims of *bona fide* physicians, and grocers' and tailors' accounts. Such mountebanks as this should be heavily taxed by the city authorities.

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