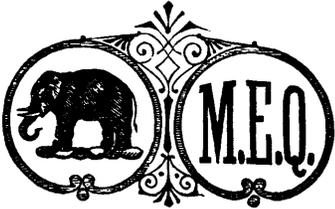


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Mercantile Summary.

PHOSPHATE mining in Frontenac County is prospering. Considerable quantities are being shipped to Philadelphia. One lot, as an experiment, has been shipped to England.

JOHN YOUNG & Co., dealers in produce, &c., in this city, compromised with their creditors in 1883. Since then they have been giving accommodation paper and their affairs are in a complicated shape.

THOMAS STEPHENSON, in general business at Dunbar, Ont., and previously at Morewood and North Winchester, has assigned to W. T. Lindsay, of Montreal. The old proverb about a "rolling stone" may have some application with respect to his lack of success.

To TEST the practicability of an English peasant proprietorship, Colonel Walker, of Colchester, recently offered for sale thirty-eight small plots of agricultural land, free from tithe or land tax. The terms were 20 per cent. cash, and the remainder payable in ten annual instalments, but not a bidder presented himself.

ALMOST the entire trade of the Congo region in Africa, the newly constituted free State, is now controlled, says *Herapath*, by two Liverpool companies, one Paris company, a Hamburg company, and a company formed in Rotterdam. Before these European traders lies a rich country of 1,500,000 square miles containing 60,000,000 blacks.

THE business changes in Winnipeg do not seem to have been numerous since our last. Brown Bros., tinsmiths, are evidently going behind. Several firms are pressing them. They owe over \$3,000. Thos. Hooper, contractor, in the same city, has been arrested, it is stated, on a *capias*. His creditors need not expect to get a very large proportion of their claims paid.

At a late meeting of the American Sardine Exchange, held at Eastport, it was unanimously voted that owing to the strong advance in the prices of tin plate, pig tin, and the scarcity of fish, the price for $\frac{1}{2}$ Oil sardines be advanced on September 1st to \$5.25, and $\frac{2}{3}$ Mustard and Spiced to \$4.25. The formation of a syndicate to handle all the fish packed is being discussed.

It is declared in a recent number of the *London Boot and Shoe Trades' Journal* that a properly organized attempt to introduce American fine boots into the English market is being made by a gentleman, of Moorgate street, E. C., acting for Walker, Strong &