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Mercantile Summary.THE National Portland Cement Co.,
Jackson, Mich., with a capital stock of
\$1,000,000, are about to establish a branch
plant at Durham, Ont.SEVERAL employees of Taylor, Scott &
Co., broom-makers, Toronto, went on
strike this week, owing to the employ-
ment of a non-union hand.THE Moncton Board of Trade is mak-
ing efforts to induce the Ossekeag
Stamping Co., whose works at present
are located at Hampton, to remove them
to the former city. This will be done, it
appears, if the citizens will subscribe for
\$50,000 worth of stock.A CO-OPERATIVE steamboat company
has been organized by business men and
hotelmen, among the Thousand Islands,
under the title of the Rapid Transit Com-
pany, of Odenburg, with a capital of
\$60,000. Several Peterboro, Brockville,
and other Canadian business men are in-
terested.THE annual meeting of stockholders of
Rhodes, Curry & Co., Limited, Amherst,
was held on the 26th ult., when the an-
nual report showed that last year's busi-
ness was highly satisfactory. The old
board of directors and officers were all
re-elected, and a dividend of 7 per cent.
declared.THE Harness-makers' Association held
a convention in Toronto on the 5th inst.,
and elected the following officers: Presi-
dent, Charles Kelly, Uxbridge; first vice-
president, John Broderick, Mitchell;
second vice-president, Walter Kinsey,
Bracebridge; treasurer, E. B. Snow,
Bradford; secretary, Alex. Downey.IN reply to an enquiry, United States
Secretary Gage said that between
October, 1899, and the end of January
last, 76,632 horses and mules were ship-
ped from American ports to South
Africa. The value of these, with wheat,
canned beef, rum, and other supplies
shipped, amounted to \$26,595,692. One
day last week, 1,200 mules were shipped
from New Orleans to Capetown.UPHOLDERS of municipal and govern-
ment ownership of public service will
glean pleasure from the report upon the
electric street lighting of Winnipeg,
which inaugurated a municipal system
early last year. According to this re-
port, the cost per light has been less than
19½ cents. The year preceding the cost
was 45 cents per light per night. In ad-
dition to the enormous reduction in the
cost, the light furnished has been great-
ly improved.A VOLUNTARY assignment has been
made by L. Sicotte, who has done a mod-
erate general trade at Boucherville, Que.,
for the past thirteen years. He owes
about \$3,000.—B. Schaefer, dry goods
and shoes, at Magog, Que., whose affairs
have been in the hands of the assignee
for some weeks past, has succeeded in set-
tling at 25 cents on the dollar.—An
offer of 40 cents on the dollar is being
made by T. A. Bedard, St. Hyacinthe,
a boot and shoe retailer. He owes \$2,500.**THE TORONTO GENERAL
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