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Mercantile Summary.

THE assessment figures for the city of
Toronto show that there are at present
630 dwellings and 131 stores vacant. In the
year 1896, there were 3,311 dwellings and
648 stores.

WITH reference to a report that the
town council of Maisonneuve had passed
a by-law granting a bonus of \$10,000 to
the Slater Shoe Co., of Montreal, to
locate at the former place, this company
informs us that they have not been nego-
tiating for the removal of their factory
at all.

THE Wright-Taper Roller Bearing Co.,
of Montreal, will apply to the Dominion
Government for incorporation for the
purpose of acquiring all the letters patent
granted to William Hamilton Wright, for
improvements in bearings, applicable to
railway cars, street railway cars, drays,
carriages, bicycles, and vehicles of all
kinds, and to manufacture bearings of all
kinds that may be used for reducing fric-
tion and economizing power. The capital
stock is \$300,000. The names of the ap-
plicants are: William Hamilton Wright,
of Buffalo; A. C. Matthews, William
B. Powell, R. C. Smith, Charles Ledoux,
and W. Laurie, all of Montreal.

CONSIDERABLE progress is being made
with the Geodetic survey of the Dominion.
During the past season, Vancouver, B.C.,
has been astronomically determined, and
in Ontario, Rose Point, Owen Sound and
Bayside. From the latter point the
Ontario Government ran a line to James'
Bay, near Moose Factory, as the dividing
line between Algoma and Nipissing. The
exact astronomical determination of this
line has just been accomplished by officers
of the Department of the Interior. Such
determination will be most useful in
locating Hudsons Bay longitudinally.
Observations have also been made to de-
termine Chalk river, and Canoe lake,
Ontario.

ADVANCE sheets of the Ontario Gazette
contain notice of the granting of licenses
under the new extra-provincial corpora-
tion laws to the following: Frank &
Bryce, Limited, a company incorporated
in Great Britain for the purpose of carry-
ing on the business of dealing in threads
of every description and sewing machines;
the William Buck Stove Company, Limited;
incorporated under Dominion laws to
carry on the business of manufacturing
and dealing in all kinds of stoves and
stove-fittings; the William Paterson &
Son Company, Limited; incorporated
under Dominion laws with the object of
manufacturing and dealing in groceries
and confectioners' supplies; Rice Lewis
& Son, Limited, incorporated under
Dominion laws, as a hardware, iron and
general merchandise concern; the Bruce
Copper Mines, Limited, a company incor-
porated under the laws of the United
Kingdom, whose attorney in this pro-
vince is N. A. Abraham, of Bruce Mines,
Algoma; the Rainy River Development
Co., Limited, incorporated under British
laws, and whose Ontario attorney is W.
A. Weir, of Rat Portage.

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