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Mercantile Summary.

A LARGE number of horses are being shipped from Prince Edward Island to the West Indies.

THE People's Light and Heat Company, of Halifax, it is reported, has bought out the Halifax Gaslight Company.

THE Ontario, Belmont and Northern Railway will be completed in about a week, when trains will be run from Trenton to Belmont, says the *Colborne Enterprise*.

A. B. WARNER, of Cornwall, Ont., for some years a sewing machine agent, and latterly also doing a small furniture business, is insolvent. He has been reported in hard up shape for some time.

A VICTUALER of Fredericton, N. B., S. A. Chase by name, is reported as failed, with liabilities of \$4,000; the creditors are local for the most part.—James Bird, a small trader of the same city, has also assigned to the sheriff.

THE assessment roll of London for 1897, just about completed, shows London to have a population of 34,794, an increase of 365 since the last assessment. Last year the increase was 1,002. The total increase in five years is 3,179.

A STEAMER now plies twice a week on the Upper Kootenay, British Columbia, between Jennings, Montana, and Fort Steele, B.C. Another steamer navigates the head waters of the Columbia between Fort Steele and Golden, B.C.

THROUGH their solicitors the British Columbia Southern Railway Co., which has provincial incorporation, is applying to the Federal Parliament for authority to extend its line east into Alberta. It already has authority to construct westward from the Crow's Nest pass.

THE St. Lawrence and Adirondack Railway has introduced a novelty on Canadian railways, in the shape of an electric headlight. The light is generated from a small dynamo, constructed on the front end of the boiler, and it is claimed that it throws a search ray over a mile ahead of the train.

THE contract for the proposed repairs and remodelling of the New Brunswick legislative buildings, Fredericton, has been awarded to Willard Kitchen, whose figures were in the vicinity of \$5,000. The legislative council chamber and rooms in connection will be fitted up for the Supreme Court, judges' and barristers' rooms, law library, etc.

H. GAGNON, general dealer, of St. Felicite, Que., whom we reported in trouble several weeks ago, and asking an extension, has been unable to arrange matters, and has had to assign to a Quebec firm of accountants. He owes some \$7,000.

MR. E. F. HEBDEN, assistant manager of the Toronto branch of the Merchants Bank of Canada, has been transferred to Montreal, where he will take the position made vacant by the removal to New York of Mr. John Gault. Mr. Hebden will be superintendent of branches.

THE apple crop in Niagara county, New York State, this year is an enormous one. A month ago it was estimated at 1,500,000 barrels, a yield almost 50 per cent. greater than any on record, but buyers and grocers have raised this estimate, and now say that the yield will be from 2,000,000 to 2,500,000 barrels.

M. S. EATON, for some years in the grocery line at Canning, N.S., is reported assigned. He was unsuccessful before some six years ago, when he arranged a compromise at 33 cents, on liabilities of about \$4,000.—Hubley & Co., a Halifax concern in the same line of business, are also reported insolvent, after a steady record of suits and judgment against them running back to January last.

THE embarrassment is noted of the Canada Machinery Agency, Montreal, of which W. H. Nolan is the manager, and his wife the registered proprietor. Losses by recent bad debts and the difficulty in collections are assigned as the causes of these difficulties, and the action of a Toronto concern in taking suit to recover some \$1,500 worth of goods has brought matters to a focus.

SAMUEL JAMIESON has for many years been the regular stage and mail driver between Waterloo and Melbourne, Que., and, like most of his class, has the reputation of being a right good fellow, and was worth a few thousand dollars, consisting of a farm property. Some years ago he started a store at South Ely, a post office on his route, afterwards locating at Racine. His good nature led him into rather liberal crediting, as well as overbuying, and his position the last year or so has been far from an easy one, and after being sued by some Montreal houses he had to assign a few weeks ago. Some of his friends are interesting themselves to get him a settlement, and have made creditors an offer of 50 cents, payable in 30 and 60 days. Liabilities are about \$7,000.



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