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## Mercantile Summary.

THE Wellman-Siever Company, of Cleveland, has been awarded the contract for the plant and works of the Ontario Nickel Co., at Hamilton.

DURING the coming year, the G.T.R. will spend, it is said, in the neighborhood of \$800,000 in improvements in Toronto and other points in Ontario.

THE boot and shoe stock of A. Side, Sr., Chatham, inventoried at \$2,600, was sold at auction to J. C. Cowan, of the same place, at 80 cents on the dollar.

THE Great North-Western Telegraph Company has definitely completed its arrangements with the Dominion Government for transmission of cable and press despatches to and from places on the Yukon line.

FIRE at Leamington did \$1,500 damage to Morse's flour mill, and destroyed \$5,000 of evaporated fruits, belonging to Kennedy Bros., stored in the same building. Kennedy Bros. had \$3,700 insurance; Mr. Morse had none. The fire was evidently the work of an incendiary.

SNOWSLIDES are working in the Rockies, and no trains reached Vancouver from Saturday till Wednesday, passengers having to be transferred at the breaks, where track and bridges were swept away by the slides. Freight will necessarily be several days behind.

HON. JOHN DRYDEN, Charles Mills, Hamilton; David Henderson, Acton; Wm. McGregor, Windsor; Frederick Fenton, M.D., Toronto; J. H. Douglas, Warkworth, and J. G. Boughner, London, have been incorporated as the Dominion Fence Company, Limited, with a share capital of \$750,000.

It is estimated that 25 per cent. of the logs cut on the north shore of Lake Superior this winter will have to be left in the woods, as the season, on account of the lack of snow, has been very unfavorable. The cut, however, has been unusually large, and the three-quarters put through the drive will be almost as large as the average cut for the last few years.

AN arrangement has been made with their creditors by the Hobberlin Bros.' Co., Limited, custom tailors, in Toronto. They are to pay 60 per cent. of their liabilities, in ten months, without interest or security. They owe \$8,500, and to pay this sum they claim to have assets of \$16,000, of which \$3,900 is in stock, and the balance in book debts, goodwill, and lease.—Another assignment is that of J. W. Laister, butcher, Toronto.

AN assignment has been made by Jas. Watts & Co. tobacconists, in Winnipeg. They are not likely to owe a large sum.—It is reported that the Qu'Appelle Felt Boot Co., Limited, is in financial difficulty, but as yet we are unable to give any particulars.—The tinware stock and machinery of E. J. Guibault of Winnipeg, has been purchased by R. J. Kempt, of this city, at 93½ per cent. The purchase amounted to \$15,464. Other of the company's assets nominally valued at \$20,000, are still for sale.

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