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Feb. 21st, 1879.**Mercantile Summary.**

A BROOM Factory has begun at Sherbrooke, Quebec.

THE collections in the Inland Revenue division of Windsor for the month of March, 1879, amounted to \$80,286.06.

POTTON Township, Quebec, which already holds \$35,000 stock in the South-Eastern R. R. Co., has passed a by-law to take \$5,000 in the Missisquoi and Black River Road.

Mr. RONALD, of the Brussels Steam Fire Engine Works, has sold the first engine manufactured at Brussels to the town of New Castle, N. B. It is to be shipped on the 15th inst.

THE Hochelaga Cotton Mills Co., which have been well managed and done more than held their own, begin an addition to their mill next week, which will nearly double its capacity, and will employ an increased number of men.

SHIPMENTS of horses from the Eastern townships to the States are frequent. From St. John's, Quebec, there were shipped, during the first quarter of this year, 773, valued at \$53,272.

THE principal store-keepers at Essex Centre have signed an agreement to do business on a strict cash basis. Similar news comes from some of the shop-keepers in Beaverton.

LINDSAY town council are taxed with "negligence" in having taken no action upon the letter of a Toronto applicant to the *Post*, desiring co-operation from the township in the establishment of agricultural works.

SOME fifty of the teams and 100 of the men employed in lumbering operations in Peterboro' County were brought across country from Renfrew and the Ottawa District. Seven shanties were "run" by Mr. Boyd's men.

WHAT are Canadian railways doing in the way of planting timber along their lines for future forests? This is the question asked by the *Farmer's Advocate*. United States roads are enhancing the value of their property by tree-planting along their line of track. One Kansas Railway having planted 460,000 trees in 186 acres. Apart from the future benefit of the country, this protects the track from drifting snow.