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Mercantile Summary.

THE merchants of the town of Lancaster, Ont., will close their shops at 8 o'clock on every night but Saturday from Nov. 1st to May 1st.

We hear from Ingersoll of the death of Mr. Thomas D. Millar, who was well known in Oxford county and throughout Canada generally as one of the early pioneers in the cheese trade

A DEMAND in insolvency has been served upon Rolland & Bro., wholesale dealers in furniture and cabinet makers' supplies, Montreal. The firm has been somewhat unfortunate in the way of fires in recent years, and has shown signs of great strain in finances for months past, so that the failure is not sur-

ABOUT five years ago Henry Gabel started blacksmithing at Bancroft. Later he opened a general store. Having no previous experience in this line, his assignment now will be no surprise.—Robert Taggart, a tinsmith and tailor at Fenelon Falls, insured the life of his father for \$1,000, payable to himself. After the father's death, six months ago, he received the amount of the insurance. With this money he opened a tailoring shop, but already assigns, with \$2,000 liabilities. We are not told which branch of his business, the tinsmithing or the tailoring, has brought this about. Still we may surmise that it was an over-purchase of cloth, which is a rather more puzzling commodity to an artisan than tinplate or sheet iron.

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