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Mercantile Summary.

AN increased business is shown by the annual report of the Quebec Central Railway Company for 1897. The net receipts of the road were \$150,762, as compared with \$129,519 for the year 1896. The company has 211 miles of railway.

At the next session of the Newfoundland Legislature application will be made to incorporate the Newfoundland Bleached Pulp Company, capital \$2,000,000. Not only wood pulp will be exploited, but probably coal, lime, stone and pyrites. The Messrs. Reid are prime movers in this important concern.

MR. B. W. MURRAY, of the accountant's office, Osgoode Hall, this city, who compiled Murray's Interest Tables, has issued a revised edition of his work and reports that the sale is very steady. These tables must have entailed an immense amount of labor, for they give rates from 2½ per cent. to 8 per cent. from 1 day to 368, and on any sum from one dollar up to ten thousand.

A MEETING of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Mutual Benefit Society was held on Saturday last in Montreal. The following gentlemen were nominated by acclamation to their respective charges: David Watson, president; J. T. Dwyer, vice-president; Chas. Gurd, treasurer; M. Murdoch, J. S. McDougall, J. H. Morin, Fred. Birks, E. H. Copland, Wm. Galbraith, trustees. The annual meeting of the association will be held on the 17th instant.

A QUEBEC despatch of Monday last says that Mr. George Taylor, of Toronto, is in that city and is concerned with the purchase of 76 miles of timber limits on the Manitou river, some distance below Seven Islands on the north coast of Quebec. The river in some parts is 400 feet wide, and ten feet deep, and there is a perpendicular waterfall of 112 feet, of an estimated 100,000 horse power. Mr. Taylor intends to establish a large pulp mill at this point.

CONSENT to assign has been filed by Julius Singer & Co., mnfrs. of caps, etc., Montreal, and the schedule of their liabilities totals about \$8,000. Mr. Singer has been in business in Montreal five or six years, but has met with varied degrees of success, and has done business under many styles, as, for example, the Singer Ladies' Underwear Co., the Singer Hat and Cap Co., the Dominion Hat and Cap Co., and the Singer Underwear Co. A good part of his time, which might have been better employed in his business, has been given to litigation; indeed, his lawyers figure as creditors for some \$700.—B. D. Kert, formerly a small country trader in the Ottawa district, came to town in 1896, and engaged in the shoe business. He assigned a few days ago, and now offers 35 per cent., cash.—An assignment has been made by Joseph Homier, a retailer in furs and hats, Montreal. He failed before in 1895, compromising at 40 cents, and it is reported was also unsuccessful on a former occasion.

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