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Mercantile Summary.

A TAILORING firm, at Merrickville, Ont., Mace Bros., have failed, and assigned, owing, it is said, to losses through orders taken in the North-West. Liabilities are put at about \$1,600.

THE Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Co. authorities say they have, up to the present time, this season, had the largest year's business in their history, the increase over a similar period of last year being about \$60,000.

MONTREAL failures for the week are recorded as follows: G. W. Henry, a furniture dealer, who has apparently dispensed credit with but little discrimination, has failed. He owes \$7,974, with nominal assets of \$9,400, half of which, however, is made up of bad and doubtful debts.—John Girard, a small grocer, damaged recently by fire, is insolvent.

—Isaie Trudel and J. O. Clement, also retail grocers, have assigned voluntarily. —David & Bernier, saloonkeepers, are offering 60 cents on the dollar.

THE jury sitting on the inquest on the death of W. B. Davidson, manager of the electric power-house, at West Selkirk, who died from the effects of an electric current, gave it as their opinion that the floors of electric stations should be insulated in the pump rooms and around the dynamos and switch-boards, that vulcanized sockets only should be used in damp places, and all machinery duly safeguarded by railings and other protection, that a Government inspector of electric light and power houses should be appointed, and that all electric appliances should be tested.

THE first sod in the construction of the Conners' Syndicate system of grain elevators and storage warehouses, in Montreal, was turned on the 2nd inst. The elevator will be 271 feet long, and 89 feet deep, and will have a storage capacity of 1,000,000 bushels of grain, and a working capacity of 3,000,000 bushels. It will cost \$650,000. Arrangements are practically closed for the construction of the necessary barges and steam vessels for the carrying of grain through the inland waters. The barges are designed to carry 100,000 bushels of grain, and the steamers 80,000 bushels.

A GENTLEMAN in the province of Quebec, in a letter to the editor, thus describes a Western trip to a portion of the Great Lakes, known to too few in that province: "I have recently had a delightful trip to Parry Sound, on the Georgian Bay of Lake Huron, or rather to Depot Harbor. It was given by the Canada Atlantic Railway to the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers. A wonderful country for sportsmen is that C.A.R. and Parry Sound route. And the terminals! well, they were an eye-opener to most of us, and we were 83 in number. What we saw and what we learned made us prouder than ever of Canada, and surprised us as to the extent of the traffic carried eastward by the Parry Sound rail route."

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