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Mercantile Summary.

A NEW bank building is to be erected in Moncton for the Bank of Montreal branch, corner Main and Alma streets, in that stirring town.

Over \$12 000,000,000 of property was covered by fire insurance policies, during 1882 in the United States.

A BY LAW providing for a free library has been passed by the City Council of London, and will be submitted to the people on January 7.

THE liabilities of Cavers & Cowan, makers of barrels and fanning mills at Galt, are \$18,313 and their assets \$9.343. Of the liabilities \$13,571 is secured by endorsements of John Cavers, father of James Cavers. The former gentleman offered to pay the liabilities in full, in 18 and 24 months without interest. The creditors present accepted this offer. Another meeting is to be held on December 3rd.

MR. H. C. GIBBS, manufacturer of hosiery etc., at Oshawa, has been in difficulty for some time, and a number of judgments has been recorded against him, amounting in all to about \$14,000. When these are satisfied it is feared that there will be but little left for other creditora.

THE amount of tonnage cleared on the American canals continues to fall off. During the past week it was but 160,998 tons, against 167,808 for the same week last year. Since the opening of navigation this year, the clearances aggregated 5,389,332 tons, compared with 4,885,843 tons for the same number of weeks in 1882

A WRITER of mathematical bent finds from the census returns that there are about 17,000 dentists in the United States, who, he estimates, pack into the .eeth of the American people a ton of pure gold annually. He predicts that in the twenty-first century all the gold in the country will be buried in the graveyards.

THE Peterboro Water Company, having hitherto been acting as Lady Bountiful in the way of supplying liquid to water the streets, and allowing it to be taken to fires beyond the limits of the property of those who pay a special rate for it, has now hardened its heart a little and says 'We have water to sell and not to give away." Mr. Cluxton, the president, writes to the chief of the Fire Department, as he has a right to do, thus: "Be good enough hereafter not to take water from the hydrants for fire purposes unless permitted by the directors or officials of the Company, that is, when the fires are outside of the limits fixed by the town by-laws, where the ratepayers are assessed for the use of the water."