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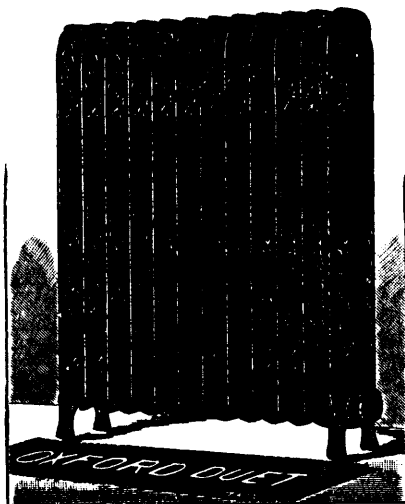
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Mercantile Summary.

A CARLOAD of turkeys has been shipped over
the Lake Erie & Detroit River railway to Bos-
ton, from Essex county, Ont.

THERE is a story that Folger Brothers of
Kingston have bought the steamer "Shrews-
bury," to ply in opposition to the Richelien &
Ontario Navigation Co., between Clayton and
Montreal.

THE Hamilton Acetylene Gas Co. has been
formed and incorporated; capital, \$45,000. Dr.
Geo. S. Bingham, Mrs. Adele Sequin, F. A.
Carpenter, W. R. Moore, and S. D. Biggar are
the parties.

ALL the classes in Montreal controlled by
the Quebec Council of Arts and Manufactures
closed on Christmas Eve, to reopen 10th Janu-
ary. The attendance has been larger this year
than last.

A CHANGE has taken place in the old-es-
tablished dry goods house of Wm. McLimont &
Co., Quebec. Mr. Henry J. McLimont retires,
and the business is continued under the old
style by Messrs. John C. and Wm. McLimont.

THE Perth Woolen Company, Limited, has
been incorporated: capital, \$25,000; parties,
George Douglas Ross, of Montreal; T. A.
Code, Hon. John Haggart, Mrs. Millar, and
Mrs. Code, of Lanark, to make yarn, cloth and
knitted goods, and to deal in the same.

THE building of the six light draught steam-
ers ordered by the C. P. R. to ply in Alaskan
waters will be commenced by the Bertram &
Polson works early in January. The steamers
will be of wood, plated with steel and will have
a length over all of 156 feet, with a beam of 30
feet.

MR. E. R. C. CLARKSON, liquidator of the
Ontario Express and Transportation Company,
has been instructed to pay the preferred claims
in full. It was expected that these claims would
be paid at the rate of 50 cents on the dollar.
The preferred claims are in the neighborhood
of \$13,000.

JOHN F. CARMODY and Kate Carmody, of
Dunnville, Ont.; Daniel W. Murphy, of
Toledo, Ohio; James Hardy and Norman
Shaffer, of North Baltimore, O., have received
letters patent of incorporation in Ontario as
the Producers' Oil, Gas, and Mining Co., of
Welland, Limited; \$10,000 capital.

It is reported from Ottawa that E. B. Brown,
a prominent retail grocer of that city, has ar-
ranged a compromise at 33½ cts. on the dollar.
Mr. Brown was unfortunate in being seriously
entangled in the failure, four years ago, of Wm
Donahue & Co., wholesale grocers, Montreal,
when he had to ask indulgence from creditors,
and has apparently not fully recovered his posi-
tion since then.

COLSON HUBBARD, of Caraquet, N.B.,
engaged in the general store and fishing trade,
has made an assignment to James Young,
barrister, of Bathurst. The fisheries have
resulted rather poorly during most seasons of
late, and Mr. Hubbard was obliged to seek in-
dulgence from creditors both in 1894 and 1896.
Of late he has been sued several times.

THE weekly contingent of Montreal failures
is as follows: A demand of assignment having
been made upon J. C. Murray, ship-liner and
lumber dealer, he has assigned to the court,
owing \$11,700.—J. E. Fleury, a small trader
in the East end suburbs, has assigned, owing
\$1,400.—A demand of assignment has been
made upon Dame Marie Aime Brehaut, doing
business in the dry goods line under the style
of O. Chayer & Co. The concern as above

constituted only dates from last summer, but
Mr. Chayer had been in business before unsuc-
cessfully.—Paul Desjardins, dry goods, lately
insolvent, has arranged a cash compromise of
37½ cents on liabilities of some \$15,000.—
Clovis St. Louis, the former representative of
some Toronto dry goods houses, who started in
business on his own account two years ago, in
a pretentious way for his small capital, has
got into deep water. A receiver was put in
charge in the interests of creditors several weeks
ago, and he has now assigned upon the demand
of Messrs. Thibadeau Bros. & Co. His lia-
bilities are placed at about \$22,000.

FROM Truro, N.S., we hear of quite a heavy
failure, that of Bligh & Prince, extensive
dealers in carriages, agricultural implements,
etc. The liabilities in all will reach to some
\$75,000 or \$80,000, we are told, of which some
\$36,000 is preferred, and the general creditors
will fare poorly it is feared. Some Ontario
manufacturers are said to be interested deeply.
—C. R. McLeod, of Glace Bay, N.S., who
removed thither from Prince Edward Island in
1894 to engage in the produce trade, has made
an assignment.

THE announcement was made on Monday
that Horace C. Burt, third vice-president
of the Chicago and Northwestern Company,
is chosen president of the Union Pacific
Railway Company. The board of directors is
to include the following: Winslow S. Pierce,
chairman; James Stillman, Marvin Hughitt,
Roswell Miller, E. P. Harriman, Louis Fitz-
gerald, Henry B. Hyde, John W. Doane, Otto
H. Kahn, T. J. Coolidge, jr., George J. Gould,
Oliver Ames, George Q. Cannon, Jacob H.
Schoff. Oliver W. Mink is to be vice-president,
in charge of the New York office.

THE American railways are able to show
vastly improved traffic in 1897. The gross
traffic receipts of 131 roads for November show
an average increase of 20 per cent. over those
of 1896. For the first eleven months of the
year, 124 roads show an increase of \$30,800,-
000, and most of the gain has been made within
the last six months. It is noticeable, too, that
the increase on net earnings has been in a
higher ratio than on gross. For the first ten
months of the year, the net business of 118
roads shows an increase of 11.12 per cent.,
whilst the gain in the gross earnings was only
5.2 per cent. Better management clearly comes
into play here.

WE were able to make, last week, only the
brief announcement of the death of Mr. Alex-
ander Ewan, of Montreal, who had been a
resident of that city since 1864. Mr. Ewan
was an Aberdeenshire man, and possessed the
qualities of earnestness and persistency that
characterize so many of the natives of that
locality. Having been grounded in business in
the Granite City, he came to Canada at the
age of about 32, and was engaged by the whole-
sale dry goods firm of William Stephen & Co.,
of which Mr. George Stephen, now Lord Mount-
stephen, was then the head. He was for a
number of years of the firm of Cantlie, Ewan
& Co., manufacturers' agents, and finally
established a business on his own account.
For the last seven years he has been sole agent
of the Merchants' Cotton Company, handling
the whole of the products of this mill. The
deceased gentleman was an all-round business
man, but he found time for something besides
business, and out of a warm heart gave both
energy and money to philanthropic work. His
uprightness and straightforwardness during a
long residence made him respected and admired
among an unusually large connection.