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**Mercantile Summary.**

— The People's Bank of Halifax has declared a half-yearly dividend of four per cent.

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— A hog-packing establishment is being erected in Orillia, Ont.

— The liabilities of Coté, the Ottawa furrier, amount to \$6,742.78.

— There are about 3,000 workmen at present idle in Quebec.

— Ottawa proposes to cut down the expenses of civic government by reducing the salaries of city officials 20 per cent.

— J. Thompson, contractor, Ottawa, has made an assignment, with liabilities of \$6000 and nominal assets of \$9000.

— Large quantities of hop poles are being shipped to the United States from the neighborhood of Ottawa.

— The stock of hardware belonging to the insolvent estate of George Reid, Brockville, has been sold to Henry Taylor of Perth.