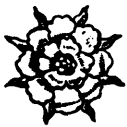


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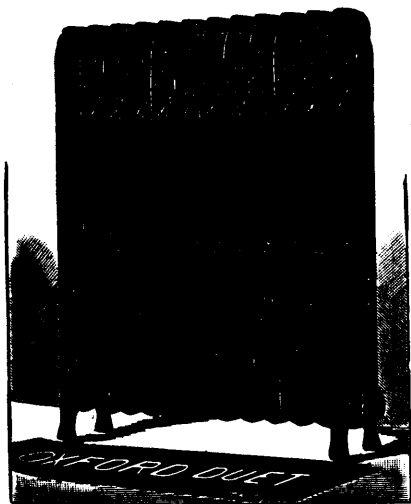
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Mercantile Summary.

Gross profits of \$7,607 are shown by the Eastern Trusts Company of Halifax for the year 1896, and these were added to the \$4,052 brought over from 1895, enabling all expenses to be paid, dividend of \$3,000 to be declared on the capital of \$50,000, and a balance of \$5,242 to be carried forward. The trust funds and securities held by the company now amount at their par value to \$603,563.15, a considerable increase over the previous year.

THE shareholders of the Hamilton Blast Furnace Co., Ltd., held their first annual meeting on March 1st, and while the directors did not consider it advisable to declare a dividend, they were able to present a report showing that the company had been making iron at a profit. Its product goes as far east as Quebec. The prospects for a successful business during the present year are bright, as the shipments during January and February, a dull period in the foundry trade, have amounted to over 2,000 tons. The old board of directors, consisting of Messrs. Tilden, Milne, Hope, Wood, Southam, Carpenter, Morgan, Turner and Birge, were re-elected, and at a meeting of the board the following officers were elected: J. H. Tilden, president; — Milne, vice-president, and R. Hobson, secretary-treasurer.

THE following commercial disasters are reported among country traders in the Province of Quebec: Victor Beaulac, formerly a policeman in Sorel, and for several years a storekeeper at St. David, has assigned, owing about \$4,000.—A composition at the rate of 50 per cent. on general liabilities of \$3,500, is being sought by George Robb, carriagemaker and grocer, of Knowlton. There are also several thousand dollars of mortgage liabilities.—The embarrassment is reported of Bourcier & Co., general dealers, Ste. Martine, who, in 1894, compromised at 40 cents.—Adelard Lapierre, a young beginner in the tobacco line, at St. Hyacinthe, is asking a settlement at 40 cents.—M. Daigneau, of St. Etienne de Beauharnois, recently assigned, has proposed a compromise at 40 cents, which has been declined.—An offer is submitted by E. H. Breckenridge, general dealer at Aylmer, of 30 per cent. on liabilities of \$2,000.—Joseph E. Lague, dealing in agricultural implements at Ste. Martine, has assigned.—R. Michaud & Co., dry goods, shoes, &c., Lachine, have assigned, and are said to owe \$7,600.

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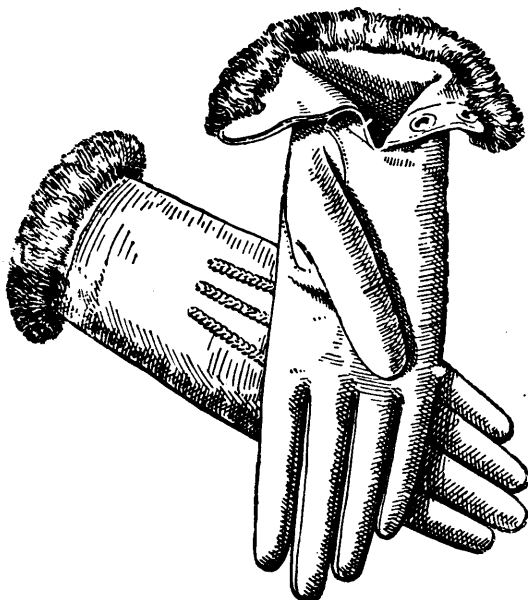
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