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Mercantile Summary.

GETTY & Scott, manufacturers of children's shoes, have found business so good since they built their new factory about three years ago, at Galt, that they have decided to double the size of the plant and will commence building about April 1st.

CLEMENT NEUGENT opened a grocery store at Trenton, in 1891; failed, however, to make much headway in the race, and now assigns.—Another assignment is that of Fritz. Oldschwager, a furrier in Toronto, who had been in business for a dozen years. He owes \$3,500.

PRACTICAL commercial education in Canada has received repeated impulses of late. All over Ontario there are concerns which will fit a man or a woman for business life if he or she will do what they indicate. The Federated Business Colleges of Ontario, Limited, having eleven well established schools, has amalgamated with the Central Business College of Toronto, and the United Typewriter Company, Limited, which was organized some little time ago to take over the business of the Creelman Bros.' Typewriting Company, with its head office in Toronto. The general conduct of the colleges is to be under the direction of Mr. W. H. Shaw, of the Central Business College, as managing director, and it is intended that several additional, well equipped schools will be established throughout the Dominion. The typewriter end of the business, we are told, will be in charge of Mr. J. J. Seitz, as general manager, who, during the past five years, has built up the typewriter business in Canada remarkably, and gives the Underwood machine a prominent place.

PORT HOPE people are greatly interested in the question as to where will be made the outlet for the Trent Valley Canal. The section remaining to be constructed between Lake Simcoe and the Georgian Bay is thirteen miles, while for the southern outlet the prevailing idea has been that the only possible route was by way of the Trent river, with the outlet at Trenton, a distance of 58½ miles from the Otonabee river. A survey and report, however, made in 1833 by Mr. Robert A. Maingy, C.E., for Sir John Colborne, Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada, said that the shortest possible distance was from Lake Ontario to Rice Lake, and this route possessed not only a safe and commodious harbor, but an eminence presenting every facility for defence in case of war. The cost of a 5-foot canal by way of Trenton is estimated at \$3,387,302, while that of a six-foot canal, via Port Hope, it is estimated, would cost only \$2,100,000. An association which has been formed recently is interesting various municipalities having allied interests, and expects to present a strong petition to the Government on the subject.

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