

Mercantile Summary.

MR. UPHAM, of Woodstock, N.B., is building a saw-mill on the river at Perth Junction.

HINCHLEY & LAMB, of Seaforth, have disposed of their livery business to Swallow & Torrance.

THE customs returns at Hamilton, for December, show receipts amounting to \$49,410.21, as compared with \$43,663.37 for the same month of the previous year.

SHERIFF WOODWORTH, assignee of Messrs. Dowling & Fletcher, lumber manufacturers at Alma, N.B., will, this month, sell their mill and about 125,000 logs to satisfy the creditors.

A FORCE of men is engaged in clearing the debris from the site of the Nicol block, Granby, Que., preparatory to rebuilding. The new block will be of brick, seventy feet in front and two stories high.

AT Hensall, W. J. Millar, who has been in the employ of Brown & Clark, carriage makers, has bought property and will erect a carriage shop in which to go into business on his own account.

THE *Mitchell Advocate* says the partnership of John Whyte & Son, pork packers, has been dissolved, and the business will in future be carried on by John Whyte, jr., and Robert P. Whyte, under the name and style of the Whyte Packing Company, the old gentleman retiring after an active business career of over fifty years.

AN extensive building is under construction in Buffalo, ten stories high, 200 by 240 feet and fronting on four streets in the business centre. It is of steel frame and is intended for offices. In the middle of this structure, which is to be called Ellicott Square, is a courtyard 70 by 110 feet, upon which the interior rooms will look. The number of electric lights will be 7,000 and of steam radiators 1,524.

ONE of the largest transactions of the kind heard of in Canada, and probably the largest single purchase of dry goods ever made in Toronto, was that of the Samson, Kennedy stock by the John Eaton Co. (Lt'd), on Friday last. The stock amounted to \$184,670, and was sold at Messrs. Suckling & Co.'s, trade salesrooms at the rate of 72½ cents on the dollar of the wholesale cost price. The sale was made for spot cash, and was paid for by the John Eaton Co. with their cheque, which was for something over \$133,000.

CHARLES SHOBROOK has closed business at Walton, Ont., as tailor, and intends removing to Manitoba.

THE shipments of birch timber from New Brunswick were 5,277 tons in 1894 and 9,316 in 1895.

THEIR offer of 20 cents in the dollar, not secured, being declined, Kelly & Murphy, of St. John, have assigned to the sheriff.

O. M. TITUS has put in machinery at Dunkin, Que., for the purpose of cutting up bobbin stock to be shipped in the rough. This makes the third mill for this purpose in that vicinity.

THOMAS HEMPHILL, hardware merchant, occupying one of the stores in the Sanderson block, Wroxeter, has removed to the centre store of the block erected by him last summer.

PARTIES in Buffalo and Fort Erie have purchased the old Detroit river ferry steamer "Hope" for \$5,000 cash. The vessel will be rebuilt, to run on the Canadian side of Niagara river between Buffalo, Black Rock and Victoria.

MR. EDWARD JACK, of Fredericton, who died the other day, knew more about New Brunswick's lumber resources than any other man living. He was accepted as a high authority on forestry matters, and had written much for Canadian and other journals.

IN January, 1888, N. & M. Grose & Co. opened a general store in Fletcher, Ont. In the spring of the following year they moved to Ridgetown and dissolved partnership in December, Meredith Grose, the son, continuing the business. In Feb., 1891, he assigned and settled with his creditors. Since that date he has moved several times; finally he opened in Ridgetown a few months ago. Now he assigns. — An offer of compromise is made by E. A. Smith, tea dealer in Stratford.

IN July last Johnston, Cooper & Co. succeeded Cooper & Co. as wholesale dealers in books, etc., in Toronto. Less than two months ago W. C. Cooper retired and J. H. A. Taylor invested \$800 in the business, into which was also put \$500 borrowed capital. We hear this week of their assignment — A grocery shop was opened in Toronto in 1894 by J. H. S. Hoover, who has this week assigned. — Another grocery assignment is that of T. J. Haffey, of Toronto, who mortgaged his farm for \$1,700 two years ago to begin business. Severe competition has been the chief cause of his failure.

THE *Brandon Times* says: "The C.P.R. train thence, now reaches Montreal in the evening, and Toronto in the afternoon of the second day, in time to make connections with the eastward bound trains the same night."

THE Sarnia firm of Marshall & Mason have leased the store now occupied by T. H. Cook as a banking and telephone office. Mr. Cook goes across the street 1st February, to the premises at present occupied by Mr. Crouch.

"MAY his fame endure forever," says the Dundas *True Banner* of the advertiser who advertises with sensible copy that appeals to the sense of the people. He deserves to get a return, more than does the man who puts trash or untruth into his advertising card. "From nothing (in the leading publications) nothing comes," says Mr. Pirie, adding, very sensibly: "From something, however, results are sure to come."

PEOPLE heard with surprise, and his many friends with regret, that Mr. Joseph Lugsdin, only surviving partner in the hat and fur firm of J. & J. Lugsdin, of Toronto, had made an assignment on Monday last to E. R. C. Clarkson. Mr. Lugsdin says he can no longer get a living profit out of his business, so much are expenses increased and the margin of profit cut down. The competition of departmental stores has been felt keenly too. Seven years ago the firm had a handsome surplus of \$30,000, but since then they have made but little, and for four or five years have actually lost money. It is expected that creditors will be paid in full. Mr. Lugsdin will go out of business.



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