THE MONETARY TIMES



Mercantile Summary.

AYLMER has a population of 2.204, and an assessed value of \$611,640.

WOODSTOCK cigarmakers have been given an advance of \$2 per thousand, and a threatened strike is thereby averted.

A DEALER, named M. Jacobson, doing a small dry goods business in St. John, N.B., has assigned, owing about \$2,000. He was formerly of Jacobson & Co., who compromised in the autumn of 1896 at 40 per cent.

THE dry goods store of M. H. Mc-Indoo, at Wingham, was entered by burglars last week and goods to the value of \$500 taken. Kid gloves, silk handkerchiefs, clothing, etc., were the articles appropriated.

THE Manitoba Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. has passed through a sea of troubles, and is now prepared to start anew. It has a directorate of farmers, and promises to be truly mutual in future. Whether it will be a case of mutual congratulations or mutual sympathy in the fall, remains to be seen.

THE plea that additional insurance had been obtained without knowledge of its officers, saved the British America Assurance Co. \$2,500, according to a decision of Judge Rose at Toronto on Friday. When Robertson, Lindsay & Co., of St. Thomas, were burned out they had \$60,-000 of insurance, and they collected it all except the before-mentioned amount.

THOMAS BECKETT, of London, Eng., has retired from the lumber firm of R. R. Dobell & Co., and the firm name has been changed to Dobell, Beckett & Co., with Thomas Stevenson, of London, Erg.; W. M. Dobell, of Montreal, and R. M. Beckett, of Ottawa, as the partners to do business as merchants and traders, at Quebec. In London, the firm name still remains R. R. Dobell & Co.

IN Toronto, a week ago, fourteen parcels of timber limits on the north shore of Lake Huron, the property of the Cook & Bros. Lumber Company, were offered for sale by auction. Four were sold. One berth was bought by the Victoria Harbor Lumber Company, for \$1,500 a square mile; one by H. S. Brennan, of Hamilton, for \$1,600 a square mile, and two by W. J. Sheppard, of the Georgian Bay Lumber Company, one parcel at \$3,800, and the other at \$1,600 a square mile.

THE Woodstock Express has resuscitated an old, old cry, but one that might perhaps receive some consideration, now that retail merchants' associations are becoming so general. It says: "A local grocer asked this morning why farmers do not make good butter. He said that they all think they do, but the majority of the samples brought into town are not fit to eat. He thought that some test ought to be devised to which all butter should be subjected, and shown up at its real worth. The grocer says that he makes more money out of farmers' butter, but he will be glad when the creamery It reaches the most likely buyers. | is the only source of that article."

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