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Mercantile Summary.

THE big iron bridge over the Grand river at Dundas street, Paris, Ont., collapsed through the undermining of the western pier.

IT is stated that owing to the marked impetus railroad building has received in China, the British Columbia lumber market has experienced a boom, prices going up from \$7 to \$10 per thousand.

THE work of completing the new steamer "Toronto," of the Richelieu and Ontario fleet, is being pushed with all possible despatch in order that she may be ready to go on the route by June 1st.

ELZEAR MAROIS, of Quebec City, in the stationery and fancy goods business for a dozen years, has made an assignment. He made a compromise about 1890, and had been a retail grocer.-N. Vezina, a plumber of the same city, who has also carried on a small grocery business, under the charge of his wife, has also assigned.

LAFRANCE & LARIVIERE, the Montreal plumbers reported last week as embarrassed, have assigned to the court on the demand of the Dominion Radiator Company. Liabilities are shown at \$7,878.-L. Gerard & Co., also plumbers of the same city, are reported to be offering 20 cents. They are said to owe \$8,000, with very small assets.

FROM Nova Scotia is reported the following little group of failures: W. H. McInnes, who succeeded to his father's tailoring business at Windsor, about a year ago, has assigned.--D. P. Mott, a druggist at Dartmouth, and D. J. & C. H. Melvin, coopers in Halifax, have assigned, with small liabilities.-D. J. McDonald, general merchant, of Bridgeport, whose affairs have been in the hands of the assignee for some months past, is now trying to settle at 50 cents,

After having been a clerk for some years in Guelph, S. A. Heffernan, with the assistance of some friends, opened a clothing store in that city about a year ago, but never made real progress, hence his assignment at this early date seems to prove that there was not room for him. -Another small assignment is that of Alex. Stuart, who was a grocer at Port Colborne.—A chattel mortgage on the hotel effects of Floyd & Miller, Woodstock, has been foreclosed, and an auction sale of their goods will take place in a few days .--- After ten years in the retail grocery business in London, Ont., W. H. Weston makes an assignment. His account has never been a satisfactory one.

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