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## Mercantile Summary.

THE city of Stratford has for sale \$30,000 worth of debentures at four per cent., payable in thirty years.

THE Ottawa bankrupt stock of Switzer & Brother, Sparks street, was sold to George S. Johnston, of the same city, at 69½ cents on the dollar.

OVER \$700 in gold dust has been bought by Ashcroft merchants from Indians and Chinamen, the results of work on the Thompson River, in a very primitive manner.

TORONTO bay is open and navigation across Lake Ontario, has begun. The propeller "Niagara" of the Mathews line, Captain James Morgan, cleared on Monday night for Oswego with 16,000 bushels of barley. She will bring a return cargo of coal.

THE employees of the Zoellner furniture factory, Mount Forest, some 46 in number, married men and householders, have petitioned the council of that town to take into consideration and if possible adopt some means by which work at said factory may be resumed and employment offered them.

THE sheriff is in possession of Louis Marboeuf's restaurant, who had been in business in Victoria about a dozen years. During the past year several judgments have been recorded against him.—In the same city the sheriff has sold the tailoring effects of J. T. Pierre, who has been struggling for years, several times sued.

THE Hamilton Radial Railway has been granted right of way by the council of that city on a 32-year franchise, and is preparing to begin construction. Mr. W. P. Chapman has been appointed superintendent of construction. The company will strive to have the line between the city and Burlington Beach completed by Dominion Day.

WE have received the first issue of the Dauphin *Pioneer Press*, which promises well. That new weekly urges attention to the claims of the Lake Dauphin district of Manitoba, with its vast areas of undeveloped farm lands of superior quality, its stores of timber and fuel, its well watered cattle runs and hay lands, upon the notice of intending settlers. Since the opening up of the district, which includes the Riding Mountain country, no less than 1,552 homestead entries have been made in the land office.

THE firm of Lang, Murphy & Anderson, of Arnprior, Ont., who opened in the dry goods line last August, bringing a stock from Winnipeg, are reported as having assigned.

AT a meeting held in Mr. Clarkson's office, in Toronto, on Friday last, an offer of 40 per cent. was made to the creditors of E. D. Gough, the Belleville clothier, on liabilities of \$31,000. Nominal assets of \$25,000 are shown.

THE official referee has declared a dividend of 20 per cent. in the estate of the Ontario Forge and Belt Company, which is in liquidation. A further dividend will be declared in a few days. The plant, stock, real estate, and other assets of the company realized \$110,000.

THE Kensington Manufacturing Company, Limited, is incorporated in Ontario, capital \$40,000, to make furniture. The parties, Horace Horton, manager; Ephraim Downing, Samuel Sloane, George Acheson and Robert Gibbons, of Goderich, and F. G. Rumball, of London.

A COMPANY has been formed to take over the business of Frank E. Walker & Co., in Hamilton. It consists of Frank E. Walker and wife, Miss Anna Walker, Alfred Tory, F. W. Mills and J. R. Hesse. The capital is to be \$15,000; the name, the Frank E. Walker Company. The parties are all Hamiltonians.

THE Ontario Natural Gas Co. has about completed arrangements for the laying of a gas main to Essex, Harrow and Amherstburg. The mains from which Windsor and Detroit receive their supply will be tapped a mile from Essex, and the work of laying the mains in that town will be commenced at once. It will take three miles of pipe to reach Harrow and nine miles to reach Amherstburg.

WITH the improved weather we are all now enjoying, business is evidently more hopeful, and here and there evidences appear of an improvement in business. It is agreeable to record that there are fewer assignments and compromises this week than in any week since the first of the year. W. J. Kendall, harness-maker, in the village of Hastings, has assigned. He had been in business less than two years, and will not owe much.—During the real estate "boom" at Toronto Junction about four years ago, James A. Fisher, shoe dealer, became involved, and the business has been continued in the name of his wife. Strong competition and lack of capital has caused her assignment.



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