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#### Mercantile Summary.

THE assignment to V. E. Paradis, of A. R. Hudon, a general dealer at Hebertville, Que., is reported. Figures are not available, but it is said the estate will turn out poorly.

E. C. Mount & Co., doing a moderate plumbing business at Montreal and Westmount, Que., have made an offer of 25 cents on the dollar, spread over 12 months, unsecured.

THE contract for building the new bridge across the slides at Ottawa, to replace the one burned down in the great fire, has been awarded to the Dominion Bridge Co., Montreal.

Assignment is made by J. E. Poitras & Co., general dealers at St. Jerome, Que., who owe \$500, and Miller & Co., carrying on a sawmill business at Hartland, N.B.; liabilities, \$1,500, and assets, \$600.

THE Metis Lumber Co., a new lumbering, shipping and electric light organization, with a capital of \$85,000, are applying for letters patent, with head office at Grand Metis. Messrs. Wm. Price and Amos J. Colston are amongst the promoters.

THE latest reports, respecting the threatened general C.P.R. strike, are not reassuring. The management say they cannot accede to the men's request, owing to the poor prospects in the West, and it is impossible to foresee how the matter will end.

ALTHOUGH they have only been selling dry goods at Quebec a little over two years, Lacroix, Pichette & Co. have already come to grief. They are said to have sunk a portion of their slender capital in fitting up a large store, and to have depended to a too great extent on their suppliers. Their liabilities are stated to be \$37,681.21. Their balance sheet last February showed liabilities of a little over \$35,000, and a stock of about \$39,-000.

MONTREAL has lost another of its leading business men, in the person of Mr. Henry Archibald, who died on the 17th ult. He was the last surviving member of the original wholesale hardware firm of Frothingham & Workman. Archibald came to Montreal from Boston when a mere boy, and gradually worked his way up from messenger to the head of the firm. He was well known in the commercial world, and enjoyed the respect of all.

THE towns of Edmonton and Medicine Hat, in the North-West Territories, are inviting tenders for debentures. former is a town of 2,000 inhabitants, and the terminus of a railway running north from Calgary, and an important city on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway. It is also the distributing point for the whole northern district, and there is a fine ranching and wheat-growing district thereabout. Medicine Hat is a town of about 1,500 people, located on the main line of the C.P.R., and much business is done there amongst ranch-

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