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LICENSES have been obtained by the Ontario Loan and Debenture Company, and the Standard Loan and Savings Company, of London, to transact business in Manitoba.

An exchange states that work is being rapidly pushed in the extension of the Irondale and Bancroft railway, to connect with the Brockville and Westport railway.

THE largest shipments of dry furs ever despatched to London, England, from British Columbia, were sent recently by Messrs. J. Boscowitz & Sons, of Victoria, valued at \$40,000.

It is said that the catch of fish this year along the Canadian shore of Lake Erie has been the largest for years, while the catch along the American shore has been very small.

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It is announced that the shareholders of Messrs. Parks & Co. (limited), St. John's, N.B., have decided to issue \$400,000 of preferred stock. Since the business has been in the hands of the receiver the profits have been nearly \$160,000.

MR. E. J. CASSELL, general merchant at Bancroft, Ont., one of the oldest subscribers to THE MONETARY TIMES, has disposed of his business to Mr. J. B. Clark at 871 cents on the dollar, cash. This is a remarkable good sale, but then Mr. Cassell had built up a remarkably good trade. He deserves the rest and retirement which he now seeks. We hope that his mantle of success may fall on his successor.

Another rubber combination, embracing fifteen factories, is announced from Cleveland, Ohio. It has no connection with the big United States Rubber Co. which manufactures only boots and shoes. The new one, to be known as the N. Y. Belting and Packing Co., the Chicago Rubber Co., and the Cleveland Rubber Co., will handle only manufactures of mechanical rubber goods.

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Mr. J. C. MACKINTOSH's offer of 102 0250 for \$30,000 worth of Halifax street paving debentures, bearing 41 per cent., was accepted.

THE B. C. Gazette announces that a certificate of incorporation has been issued to the Davies-Sayward Mill and Land Company, with a capital stock of \$300,000. West Kootenay will be the principal place of business, with the head office at Victoria.

Our efforts to give subscribers news, facts and statistics in the smallest compass is plea santly recognized by a Belleville subscriber Mr. W. H. Reed, who writes on 3d inst. as under: "Enclosed please find two dollars (\$2) in full for subscription to May next. We are often pressed to subscribe for trade papers more in our own line of business, but we find that while we may get more in other papers, yet THE MONETARY TIMES has the same matter, only it is boiled down to the real thing, and genuine every time, and the information it gives on insurance "fake institutions," etc., which every business man or family man wants, is worth more than the price of it alone. Those recent articles on the assessment societies are good. Let us have more of them; it is what is needed, and is better reading than of small failures, which to all intents are only history."

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