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## Mercantile Summary.

THE C.P.R. land office officials report an active demand for farm lands in the Alameda and Moose Mountain districts of Manitoba.

IN one day, recently, the C.P.R. Company sold fifty-three lots in the new town site of Eholt, on the Columbia & Western railway.

THE Northern Pacific Railway have opened a new office at Martinville, on the Morris-Brandon branch. This station is the first one east of Brandon.

AN Ottawa tailoring firm, P. W. Roy & Co., composed of P. W. Roy and J. F. Thibault, are reported insolvent. They started in March, 1898, and have done only a small business.

It is said that the Ontario and Rainy River Railway Company has preparations made for putting in a line of telegraph from Port Arthur to Duluth, by way of Ely.

THE insolvent stock of J. N. Duguay & Co., general merchants at La Baie, Que., has been sold at 70 cents on the dollar, and the book accounts at 50 cents, the purchaser being Mrs. R. Duguay.

Two small failures are reported in the boot and shoe line at Valleyfield, Que. —A voluntary assignment has been made by J. Coullard, who started only a year ago; and a demand has been made upon C. Baron, who has had but a little longer experience.

THE town of Berlin received the following tenders for \$18,000, four per cent. debentures, issued to extend its water-works, the bonds being payable in thirty years. There were five tenderers: G. W. Wood & Son, Toronto, \$18,752; B. M. Britton, Kingston, \$18,675; Bank of Hamilton, Hamilton, \$18,635.40; W. H. Brouse, Toronto, \$18,600; G. A. Stimson & Co., Toronto, \$18,573. The tender of Wood & Son was accepted.

A. M. RICHER & Co., who have been doing a stationery business in Sherbrooke, Que., for fifteen years or more, have effected a compromise at 25 per cent., and decided, very wisely, it is thought, to go out of business, Mr. Richer having found a haven of rest in a Government situation at Ottawa. Mr. Richer is reported as having compromised in 1893 at 50 cents, and in 1897 had to assign, latterly doing business under cover of his wife's name.

By a recent freshet on the river St. Maurice, already reported, enormous damage was done to lumbering and milling operations. The immense booms at Grande Mere, containing 200,000 saw-logs belonging to the Laurentide Pulp Company, was broken and the logs were swept out into the St. Lawrence at this place. The Government booms here have also broken, and 50,000 logs belonging to the various lumber companies here all went out. It is also reported that considerable damage was done to contractors' plant at Shawenegan Falls, where large works are in course of construction for the Water & Power Company.

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