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Mercantile Summary.

MAYOR BINGHAM, of Ottawa, objects strongly to the dirtiness of some of the bank bills and Dominion notes now in circulation.

THE Hamilton Grocers' picnic to Niagara Falls this week was a successful affair. There were four train loads of people, 50 cars full in all.

OTTAWA had to pay \$5.15 per ton for coal this week, while in Toronto it is being sold for \$4.50 in plenty. In Montreal yesterday it was \$4.90 and looking lower.

It is now five years since F. J. Male opened a boot and shoe store in Toronto, but he has barely made a living, and this week he asks creditors to write 50 per cent. off their claims.

Six of the directors of the Farmers' Loan Company have completed the terms of their settlement with the liquidator, which we mentioned in a previous issue. They are D. B. Dick, Justice Moss, J. D. Laidlaw, John Aikins, and the estates of Aaron Ross and Joseph Cawthra. The amount paid over is \$16,500.

MAYOR SHAW, of Toronto, has laid the last stone of the tower on the new municipal building. The tower is 240 feet high and a spire of 40 feet is yet to be added.

THE canned lobsters shipped from Halifax, which were on board "La Bourgogne," amounted to 9,782 cases, worth \$104,000. They were insured in agencies in that city of foreign offices.

THE controlling interest in the New Westminster and Burrard Inlet Telephone Company has been secured by an English syndicate. This company now has toll lines in operation between Steveston, New Westminster, Vancouver, Port Moody, Ladner's Landing, and Chilliwack, making a total length of 106 miles of toll lines tributary to two cities of Vancouver and New Westminster. There are also 18 offices where the general public can communicate to or from, on payment of tolls.

THE Truro condensed milk factory which has just been rebuilt, is having trouble with the farmers of the vicinity about prices for milk. The farmers have combined and refuse the prices offered by the factory, which were from 75 cents to \$1 per 100 pounds, according to the season. We trust that this well-managed and successful enterprise may come to terms with the farmers, and resume the large out-put of its well-known brand, which was so signally interrupted by the fire.

NOT long since, Sidney Laidley, formerly of the Laidley Tailoring Company, Guelph, started business as a tailor and clothier on his own account. Having but little capital, and the tailoring trade being overdone in that city, he has found it necessary to assign.—In October, 1895, the firm of W. E. Gillespie & Co. became incorporated in Penetanguishene, with a capital of \$20,000. Of this, \$12,000 was paid up and they continued their general store trade. They had a branch store at Elmvale, but this was sold last winter. A short time ago they were sued by their principal creditor, and now assign.—McDonald & Doering started a general store at Whitney, less than six months ago, and already we find their assignment announced.

IN September, 1896, the Bowmanville Rubber Co., Limited, of Bowmanville, Ont., was incorporated with an authorized capital of \$75,000. It has already gone into the hand of a liquidator. The business was not found profitable, and difficulty was encountered in financing; the result is as stated.—R. A. Cook, at Watford, has assigned after being over twenty years in business as a tinsmith and hollow-ware dealer, and at one time in a comfortable position.—Another assignment is that of Mrs. D. Glenny, milliner, at Port Hope, but this is not her first failure. We find that she had a similar experience in December, 1895.—About a year ago Michael Purcell removed from Stratford to Seaford and at the latter place he purchased the stock of the Queen's Hotel. He has found business poor in the hotel, and being unable to sell out, he is obliged to assign.—In August, 1890, Charles Taylor purchased the plumbing effects of W. H. Masterson, at Brantford. He had but little capital and his assignment now is scarcely surprising.

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