

Mercantile Summary.

AN illuminated blotter and calendar is the seasonable present of the Atlas Fire Assurance Company to its friends.

THE village council of Huntingdon, Que., has resolved to purchase the waterworks and electric lighting plant for \$42,500, provided the conditions of the contract and by-law are made satisfactory.

At a public meeting of citizens of St. Henri, Quebec, held this week to discuss a by-law authorizing the erection of a new fire station, the meeting was unanimously in favor of the expenditure, and the by-law was accordingly declared to be carried.

A SHIPMENT of Mediterranean dried fruit for the Christmas market, which arrived by the steamship "Carthaginian," left Portland at 1.45 a.m. on Sunday last and arrived in Toronto on the following morning at 5.30, the run of 627 miles being made in 27 hours and 45 minutes. The Grand Trunk has thus placed a fast run to its credit and done a good turn for wholesale merchants here.

MCINTOSH & HOSEGOOD, general storekeepers, Dauphin, Manitoba, disagree, and have assigned. Sometime ago they endeavored to dissolve partnership and could not agree as to their respective interests. This was one of their reasons for assigning. The firm is supposed to have a fair surplus.—An assignment has been made by K. W. Reimer, general storekeeper and cheese manufacturer at Steinbach, Man. We have not learned the cause of his trouble. His father is said to be a prosperous merchant in the same place.—In August last W. J. Haliday left Calgary and opened a confectionery store in Nelson, B.C. Now he assigns to W. Waldie.

In May, 1884, H. Longhurst & Co. succeeded to the stained glass firm of Pennington & Co., Hamilton. Eight years afterwards the firm dissolved partnership and D. Lemessurier retired. Since then it has been a hard struggle

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DIVIDEND NO. 22

Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of four per cent per annum has been declared for the current half-year, ending 31st December, and that the same will be payable on and after Monday, 3rd January, 1898.

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with Longhurst, who lacked capital, and at last he makes an assignment.—So does J. McChesney, merchant, Ashley.—The saw-mill firm of Loree & Prout at Oil Springs were burnt out early in 1895, without insurance, and N. W. Prout rebuilt the premises with borrowed money. The mortgagees now take possession and Prout assigns.—After working as a laborer for some time, John Tyne took it into his head to open a furnishing store at Chelmsford. He could not reasonably be expected to make any money in that line of goods in such a small place, and assigns his estate.

THE Walkerville Brewing Company sends us a handsomely illuminated calendar.

THE Confederation Life Association is sending out to its clients a welcome holiday remembrancer in the shape of copies of the *Canadian Magazine* Christmas number.

"THOUGHTS of Home and of Home Comfort" is the suggestive headline of an advertisement by the North American Life Company, from which is preached a ten line sermon on the appropriateness of a life policy as a present by the head of a household to his family.

WORD reached the city last night of the death, at the age of 64, of Mr. Alex. Ewan, so long known, and so favorably, as a manufacturers' agent, in Montreal.

EARLY in 1882 Hampton, Pickering & Co. purchased the general stock of J. Watt & Co at Mount Forest. Some years later the firm dissolved, and the business was continued by Josiah and his son, Wm. Hampton, under the style of Hampton & Co. Those were the days when business was prosperous, and they did their share. But they were inclined to over-trade. For several years past they failed to maintain their old position with liabilities of \$12,000, with nominal assets of \$13,000. At a meeting of creditors they were given until Monday next to make an offer for the estate.—With but little capital, F. C. McLeod attempted to do a tailoring and men's furnishing trade in Stratford, in February, 1893. Lately he has had strong competition, and it now ends in an assignment.—Albert Webber, who keeps a second-hand stock of goods in Hamilton, also assigns.

—Up to November 1st, it is said, the Locust Committee in Argentina had spent about \$2,000,000 in the destruction of locusts in the provinces of Santa Fe and Entre Rios, and about 20,000 tons of dead locusts and locusts' eggs had been disposed of. The Buenos Ayres *Standard*, in speaking of this, says: "Our foreign readers can have no idea of the magnitude of locust swarms in some parts of Argentina; in the north of the Chaco, near Las Palmas, a swarm darkened the sky in its passage the whole day. We might go by degrees of latitude in measuring some of these clouds."

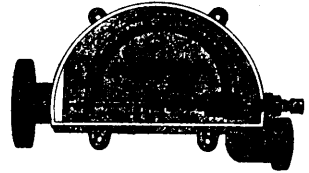
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Notice

Is hereby given that an application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at the next Session thereof on behalf of the Board of Trade of the City of Toronto, for an Act to amend the Acts relating to the Gratuity Fund of the said Board of Trade for the carrying or of the said Fund by a different method of assessment, or providing for the issuing of paid-up certificates to the members of the Gratuity Fund with a reduction of the annual dues, payable to the Board of Trade by crediting interest on such certificates towards the annual dues, or by the winding up of the said Fund, and a distribution of the same among the members thereof, or by such other manner as may be determined upon.

Dated this seventh day of December, A.D., 1897.

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