

Society's Present and Near-by Events

Gentlemen will have in mind the Horse Show and the not-too-far-away date of the O. J. C., races, in placing orders for clothing so as to be dressed becomingly for such occasions and without have garments made that will not cease their usefulness after such events have passed.—This space will not allow of any description of what should, ought and will be worn, but it will be satisfactory information to know that Henry A. Taylor, draper, the Rossin Block, has made special note of correct dress for such times and a consultation with him will preclude the possibility of one going unbecomingly garbed, and that he has a specially wide range of high-class woollens in suitings and overcoatings bought specially with such events in view.

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Mercantile Summary.

A NEW industry is to be established at Lockport—a factory for canning dried codfish.

THE finance committee of the Guelph council has struck a rate of 24 mills in the dollar.

It is likely that the Beaver Line steamer "Lake Ontario" will be sold to the United States Government.

CUSTOMS returns at a number of Canadian cities for April show decreases compared with 1897. Montreal's, for example, fell off from \$626,029 to \$538,894; St. John's, too, showed a decline.

THE executors to the estate of the late Thos. Hessian, carrying on for a long period a confectionery and fruit business in Halifax, N.S., under the style of Hessian & Devine, are endeavoring to settle liabilities of \$10,200 at 25 cents on the dollar.

AN assignment has been made by the Pratt Manufacturing Co., of Montreal, being an ordinary partnership composed of several brothers, engaged in the manufacture of dies, etc. The liabilities are \$2,519, with nominal assets in machinery, etc., of \$4,900.

A MEETING of the creditors of G. H. Megloughlin, dry goods merchant, of Ottawa, was held on Friday last at the office of Mr. P. Larmonth. Mr. Larmonth was confirmed as assignee and directed to sell the stock either by tender or public auction. The liabilities amount to \$5,000 and the assets \$4,500.

THE Fort MacLeod Gazette tells its readers that the Crow's Nest Coal Company is actively preparing to develop its mines at Coal Creek. All the machinery is ready to ship and coking ovens, etc., are in course of construction, and only waiting for the completion of the railway to place coal and coke on the market.

WE learn that Mr. W. J. McBride, hardware merchant, of Toronto Junction, has sold out his large and well-established business at the corner of Dundas and Keele streets to Mr. Edwin R. Rogers, late of Calgary, Alberta. Mr. Rogers resided in Toronto formerly, and was engaged in the hardware business in Uxbridge, Winnipeg and Calgary, at different times.

OUR traveler, Mr. T. G. Oliver, writing from Smith's Falls this week says: "This is a bright and prospering place. Its name is derived from the noted falls on the Rideau River, and it is very prettily situated. It is also to-day one of the noted manufacturing towns of Ontario, especially for agricultural machinery and implements. You know, of course, that Frost & Wood have one of the largest establishments of this kind in the Dominion here. Their shops, foundry and offices cover a large area, and they give employment to 225 hands. Several additions have lately been made to the premises and they have all they can do, especially in filling the numerous orders for harvesting machinery. A merchant, who has been foundryman and machinist at the falls some 21 years, is J. H. Gould. He has lately added a large building to his establishment. He makes ploughs, harrows, cultivators, etc., which are distributed over a large extent of country." Mr. Oliver also mentions the Malleable Iron Works, and two large flouring mills, one of them Robinson & Crate's, turning out some 150 barrels daily.

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