

## Mercantile Summary.

THE lowest level of Lake Champlain reached this season was on November 2, when it was 13 feet 3 inches below the bench mark at Rouse's Point draw.

THE *Almonte Gazette* says that the Gledower Iron Mine on the Kingston & Pembroke Railway will be opened on January 1st. The output, it is understood, will be sent to the Hamilton blast furnace.

IN Lanark the electric light has been placed in the store and out-buildings of T. B. Caldwell.

M. J. G. DAVIDSON, general merchant at Fitzroy Harbor, is building a new store at Kilmours, and expects to start business there before long.

ONE thousand dollars was recently paid for a building lot of sixty feet frontage, considerably removed from the centre of business on Main street, Granby, Que.

IT is reported that F. S. Lane, druggist, had some money borrowed on a chattel mortgage, and being unable to meet his payments, has left the city.

AT the village of Wick, Mr. Jos. Lepatnickoff is about to open a general store in Mr. McCully's premises in this place. His goods have arrived.

SIX Quebec stockbrokers announce the closing of their respective offices at 5 o'clock p.m., and on Saturdays at 1.45 p.m., from the 23rd Nov. inst. until the 18th day of April next year.

ACCORDING to last Friday's *Eastern Chronicle*, diphtheria of a very violent type has broken out in west New Glasgow. The new remedy, antitoxine, was promptly applied, and so far with satisfactory results.

THE Hudson's Bay Company will hold their annual sale of seal skins in London on Dec. 3 and 4. Formerly the sales were made in October, but the new regulations have made the season later.

THE general manager of the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company says it is not the present intention of the directors to build or buy any new boats this winter. There will be the usual repairs.

THE *Edmonton Bulletin* says that during the first six months of the present year there were 248 homestead entries in the Wetaskiwin land office; 143 in the Red Deer office; 122 in the Edmonton office, and 53 in the Calgary office.

THE Canadian Typograph Company, Ltd., is asking supplementary powers from Government to be enabled to make, buy and deal in ball bearings, and all vehicles in which ball bearings are used; and the Ottawa Novelty Co., limited, capital \$10,000, has secured letters patent to make lamps, lamp brackets, electric rollers, etc.

THE International Radial Railway will have by-laws submitted by the councils of Waterdown, East Flamboro' and Guelph on January 5. Waterdown council has agreed to give \$6,000, East Flamboro' \$30,000, and Guelph \$100,000. The line has been located from Hamilton to a point one and a half miles from Schaw station. As the *Banner* puts it, "the town of Dundas gets the go-by."

THE cattle export season of 1895 shows very gratifying statistics, whatever the financial result to the operators may have been. The records of Messrs. Pope and Morgan, the Government cattle inspectors, show that up to Nov.

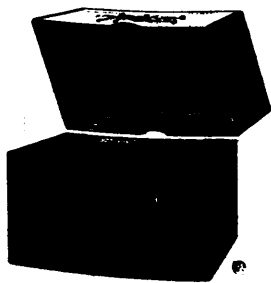
18th there have gone to European ports from Montreal 197,467 sheep, 93,941 head of cattle, and 12,564 horses, an increase of 7,306 head of cattle and 57,687 sheep over 1894. The number of horses exported is more than double what it was in 1894.

THE woollen manufacturers at Garden Hill, Dwyer & Sons, have been in business many years, and were supposed to be prosperous. But in August, 1894, they were obliged to give a chattel mortgage for \$3,000, which was intended to cover their liabilities at that time; now they assign.—After changing his location several times, Wm. Greenfield, whose specialty was men's furnishings, opened a store at Sault St. Marie as lately as two or three months ago. His assignment takes place at this early date.—Another early failure is that of E. J. Harwood, who opened a jewelry shop at North Bay in September last. But, becoming tired of the place, he left it without consulting his creditors.

IN years gone by, Menno Snider, miller at Conestoga, Ont., was in a good financial position, but has gradually accumulated liabilities over \$40,000, while his assets did not grow in proportion. At a meeting of creditors held a short time ago he offered them 25 per cent., payable in six and nine months. It is thought this offer will be accepted.—About a year ago James Anderson bought the small grocery stock of J. H. Clapp, Napanee, paying cash for the same, but having no business training, he could not succeed as a merchant, and has already assigned.—Last March, Eugene Bergeron bought a small confectionery business at Sturgeon Falls. Now we hear of his assignment, and the store is closed.

THE board of health at Shelburne, Ont., has ordered the brushes, combs and razors of a barber of that place to be smashed because he had refused to give them up to be disinfected, several grave cases of skin disease, due, as is alleged, to the slovenliness of this barber, having taken place in that town. Such measures of public interest might well be applied elsewhere, says the *Moniteur de Commerce*, which cites a case in which a distinguished musician died some years ago from a cut by an infected razor. Public hairdressers, adds that journal, cannot be too particular about cleaning both shaving and hair-cutting utensils. "There are barbers we know who, under the pretence of cleaning your head, wipe their hands and clean their brushes upon your hair."

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