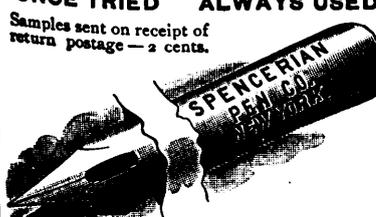


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**Mercantile Summary.**

THE new one and two dollar Dominion bills have been issued. In design they are replete with patriotic suggestions.

THE assignment is reported of Mrs. M. A. Spurr, general store, Torbrook, N.S. She is the wife of G. E. Spurr, who was unsuccessful in 1893.

E. RUELLAND, a Quebec grocer, has failed, showing apparent assets of about \$1,100 to pay liabilities of \$2,200. A settlement at 25 cents is probable.

R. A. C. BROWN, a St. John, N.B., shoe dealer, is reported to have suspended. He failed before in 1894, when his estate paid about 35 cents on the dollar.

A. E. MCKENZIE & Co., grain merchants, of Brandon, have purchased from Arch. McBean & Son, Winnipeg, the elevator situated at the Northern Pacific Railway track, Brandon.

THE Rat Portage *Miner* states that one result of the visit to that town of the Canadian Pacific Railway officials last Saturday was the decision to build a new depot and go on with other improvements.

THE Prince Albert *Advocate* says grain cutting in that vicinity is now general. The crops are now heavy, and are expected to turn out the best that has been harvested in the district for the past twelve years.

THE Macleod *Gazette* says it is expected that thirty miles of grading will be completed by the 24th inst. on the Crow's Nest Pass road. Work on the C. & E. Railway bridge across the Old Man's River is being pushed forward rapidly.

A MEETING of the creditors of C. Vallee & Frere, dry goods, etc., Montreal, was held on the 23rd inst., at which it was deemed advisable that they should assign. The firm was embarrassed before in 1895, when they obtained an extension on liabilities of \$31,000.

J. O. CLERMONT, a small Montreal grocer, has assigned after a seven years' business career, and owes about \$2,000.—J. C. Primeau, who began a small grocery business in St. Henri suburbs, Montreal, about 15 months ago, is asking a compromise at 25 cents cash.

THE embarrassment is reported of Waldron & Mader, dry goods dealers, Kingston, who have called a meeting of their creditors. They began business only last spring, buying the bankrupt stock of Prevost & Co., amounting to some \$8,000, at 65 cents on the dollar.—J. E. Edwards, of Ottawa, late Edwards & McLeod, a grocer and milk dealer, has assigned.

THE United States Government has information that the Belgian Government is about to modify existing laws so as to allow an export bounty on Dutch refined sugars. It is said at the Treasury Department that this action will necessitate the levying of an increased rate of duty by the United States on these sugars equal to the export bounty paid. Similar action, it is said, is under consideration by the Netherlands Government.

THE North American Transportation and Trading Company, who run in connection with the Great Northern Railway, have made the unique announcement that they will contract to take parties from Seattle this fall up to the mouth of the Yukon river, at which point they will take charge of the passengers during the winter, supplying them with all necessaries. They contract further to take them up the river by the first boat in the spring, and guarantee that they shall arrive at Dawson City by June 1st.

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