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Mercantile Summary.

TENDERS are asked for the purchase of the foundry and machine shops and other assets belonging to the estate of the Walker Foundry Co., at Belleville. The tenders will be opened on the 26th inst.

THE treasurer of the county of Middlesex asks for tenders for the purchase of over \$20,000 worth of consolidated debt debentures, and the clerk of the united counties of Leeds and Grenville will receive tenders for \$20,000 worth of general debentures.

THE Ontario Lumber Co., French River, sold their general store to F. W. Jeffery in April, 1894, the amount of the purchase being about \$8,000. Mr. Jeffery appeared to do a fair trade, turning over about \$30,000 a year. But it is evident that he over traded, granting credits too freely. A year ago he claimed a surplus of \$3,800, but this week we hear of his assignment.

It is almost a dozen years since J. T. Burke, who has been manager of the Muskoka Mill and Lumber Company's business, started a general store on his own account at Huntsville, to which the railway had just been opened. He has the reputation of being a careful and steady man, and appeared to be prospering in his business, so that one is not prepared to hear, as we do, of his assignment. The reasons for his difficulty are not given by our correspondent.

It is very trying to an enterprising community to have such discouragements as attend the costly improvement of St. John harbor. On Tuesday last another collapse occurred at Sand Point. The crib-work toppled over into the slip, and now the wreck is complete. "So far," says the dispatch, "\$100,000 has been expended on these improvements, and not much is now left to show for this money except some dredging."

AFTER being in the tailoring trade, in Toronto, for about twenty-five years, and doing a good business, R. J. Hunter finds a receiver in charge of his affairs. This unfortunate condition is largely owing to investments in real estate some years ago, and now it turns out that he is held liable on a number of covenants connected with these transactions. Added to this is the long-continued dullness of trade, and difficulty in making collections of outstandings, so that he finds it impossible to meet maturing engagements. His liabilities are principally to houses across the Atlantic.

THE fine weather we have had lately has been a matter of regret, instead of rejoicing, to many dealers in clothing. S. L. Hahn & Co., clothiers, etc., Hanover, are in trouble, partly in consequence of slow sales. They are unable to meet their payments and a meeting of creditors has been called to consider the situation.

—An assignment has been made by R. M. Pettit, dairyman, of South Orillia.—An offer of 50 per cent. is made to the creditors of Arthur Bennett, grocer at Sault Ste Marie. About five years ago, it is stated, he derived about \$5,000 from the estate of his father.

IN Bracebridge, about fifteen years ago, John J. Cashman opened a clothing store. Shortly after J. O. Perry was admitted a partner, and the style became Cashman & Perry. In Feb., 1889, a fire occurred in their premises; they dissolved partnership about this time. Later on Perry opened a store at Orillia. In 1891 they again joined their fortunes in that town, when Cashman invested about \$7,000 in the business, and continued trading under the old style. Lately the firm have found business very dull, and on Tuesday next they will discuss their affairs along with their creditors in the office of Mr. E. R. C. Clarkson in this city.

We can dimly understand the agitation of a reporter of the Montreal Gazette, when he discovered on Sunday last, at the C.P.R. yards, a freight train containing fifteen to twenty cars leaving with each car labeled with the Lake of the Woods Milling Company's flour, for export to London by way of St. John, N.B. Flour going to St. John by rail for export, past the great St. Lawrence port! What could it mean? It meant that the price obtained in London was so high, and the difficulty of getting freight space outward, at Montreal Harbor last week, was so great, that it paid the shippers of this flour to send it by St. John.

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County Debentures for Sale

Tenders will be received by the undersigned till the 1st of December, 1896, for the purchase of \$15,000 of County of Perth Debentures, bearing interest at four per cent per annum, payable in fifteen annual instalments, at the office of the County Treasurer here. For any information wanted apply to

WM. DAVIDSON, County Clerk.
Stratford, Nov. 14th, 1896.

Tenders

\$20,000 4 per cent. County Debentures. United Counties of Leeds and Grenville.

Sealed Tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned up to 12 a.m. on the 20th day of November inst., for \$20,000 worth of County Debentures, payable 20 years from date of issue (June 27, 1896), with four per cent. interest, payable half-yearly at the County Treasurer's office.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

WM. RICHARDSON, County Clerk,
P.O. Box 519, Brockville
Brockville, Nov. 12th, 1896.

For Sale

Foundry and Machine Shops at
Belleville.

(1) The real estate, water power, fixed and movable machinery therewith, as described in a deed of same to the Hastings Loan Society from the Walker Co. (2) Stock made and in process of being made as per inventory. \$9,000. (3) Patterns in and on the premises, about \$3,000. (4) Book accounts, about \$5,000. (5) Bills receivable, about \$8,000. The property is situated on the west side of Front street, on the River Moira; good buildings and storehouses, good dam and pond (ample water power ten months of the year, steam auxiliary rest of year), well equipped establishment, a profitable going concern, good trade and country for business of agricultural foundry and repairing work. Well and favorably known. Title perfect. Tenders will be received separately—in one sum for parcel No. 1, and at a rate on the \$ for the other parcels—up to noon of Thursday, the 26th November, 1896. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. For further particulars apply to
WM. SUTHERLAND, Receiver Walkers Foundry Co., Ltd., Belleville, Ont.

Tenders for Middlesex County Debentures

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned at the County Buildings, London, Ontario, up to noon of Wednesday, December Second, 1896, for \$20,500 Consolidated Debt Debentures of the County of Middlesex. For particulars and conditions of tender apply as above.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

A. M. MEVOY,
Treas. of Middlesex
London, Nov. 12, 1896.