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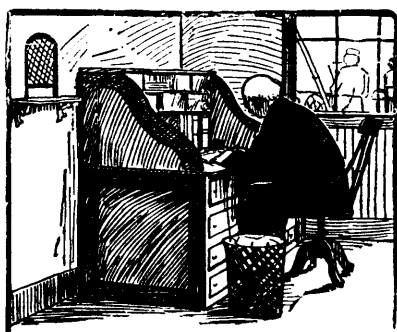
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Mercantile Summary.

LONDON'S tax rate has been fixed at 24½ mills.

THE new block of P. Burns & Co., in Nelson, B.C., was damaged by fire to the extent of \$5,000, last week.

DAVID & ROBERT, flour and feed dealers, Montreal, have filed consent to assign, and owe about \$3,600.

J. M. MAYELL & SON, late of Kingston, have opened a men's clothing and furnishing store in St. Thomas.

C. A. CHESTERTON, long connected with the Bank of Ottawa at Rat Portage, has resigned, and gone into business as a mining broker in that city.

THE Rat Portage Lumber Company cut 50,000,000 feet of logs this year, and have increased the power in their mills to enable them to manufacture the entire cut.

MARK B. THOMAS, until recently manager of the Hamilton and Dundas railway, is the new manager of the St. Thomas street railway.

JOSEPH LEDUC, general merchant, St. Isidore de Prescott, Ont., lately reported embarrassed, has effected a settlement at 50 cents, in four installments, spread over twelve months, last payment secured.

UPON demand, Dame Annie J. H. Dufresne, doing business in Montreal, in wholesale millinery, as J. R. B. Smith & Co., has assigned, and shows liabilities of \$4,893. Mr. Smith formerly did business under the same style, but owing to dissensions with a partner the business was put into liquidation two or three years ago, with some resulting loss to creditors.

FOR thirty years, if not more, George Williams has been a general merchant, in a moderate way, at Manotick, Ont., on the Rideau river. He has, however, achieved a very limited measure of success. In 1892 he became involved, and at that time arranged a compromise at 50 cents, on liabilities of \$4,100; and now again he is reported as in such straits than an assignment has been found necessary.

AT a meeting held in Guelph, the officers of the recently incorporated Grain and Seed Separator Company were elected as follows: President, W. E. Buckingham; vice-president, James Hower; secretary and manager, H. H. O. Stull; treasurer, Thomas Davidson. The company is capitalized at \$40,000, and the manufacture of machines will be carried on at Fergus, where a large percentage of the stock is said to be held.

MR. EDSON L. PEASE, general manager of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, along with Mr. T. E. Kenny, president of the same institution, has returned from a trip to the branches in the far West. In an interview, in the Montreal Star, Mr. Pease states that the business outlook generally in British Columbia is pleasing. Some depression in Vancouver is ascribed to the recent labor troubles and the uncertainty of the political outlook. Rossland showed him surprising evidences of prosperity.

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