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Mercantile Summary.

WE are pleased to notice the enlargement of the Stratford Beacon, which is now an eight-page paper.

THE dry goods stock of Robertson & Co., East London, has been purchased by Mr. O. B. Koenig, of Welland, who will continue the business.

AN old-time general merchant of Bath, N.B., named E. D. R. Phillips, has assigned to W. H. Thorne, of St. John, after having unsuccessfully tried to arrange a composition at 30 cents in the dollar. A meeting of creditors has been called for the 27th inst. Mr. Phillips has been in business some 25 years, and was once unfortunate about 1880, but since then has been supposed succeeding fairly.

TENDERS were opened on Monday last for 4 per cent. debentures of the county of Wentworth to the amount of \$20,500. The tenderers were George H. Gillespie, on behalf of the Hamilton Provident and Loan Society, \$20,950; H. O'Hara, \$20,805.50; Bank of Hamilton, \$20,661; Aemilius Jarvis, \$20,660; W. H. Brouse, \$20,601; J. W. Wood & Son, \$20,552; George A. Stimson, \$20,551. Mr. Gillespie's tender, which is equivalent to 104¾, was accepted.

THE Central Exhibition, at Ottawa, has this year been very unfortunate in respect of weather, which for several days was wet or cold. On the few bright warm days of the nine during which the fair was open to the public, the attendance was very large. On the whole, however, the receipts showed a slight falling-off, \$586, as compared with those of last year. The total receipts amounted to \$22,816, as compared with \$23,384 in 1898. This year the association tried the experiment of holding a two weeks' fair.

SAMSON & CRONK, the Quebec shoe manufacturing concern, reported as suspended a couple of weeks ago, are endeavoring to settle at 40 cents on liabilities of \$21,389, although assets are advertised for sale on the 29th inst. The assets are figured as follows: Manufactured stock, \$11,500; leather, etc., \$8,500; machinery, \$3,370, and accounts receivable, \$1,833.—Budden & Perry, also boot and shoe manufacturers of the same city, who were reported in trouble at the same time, have arranged a compromise at 35 cents, cash; liabilities amount to about a round \$10,000.

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