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Mercantile Summary.

The representative of the Chambre de Commerce on the Montreal Board of Harbor Commissioners is now Mr. Contant, who succeeds Mr. L. E. Morin

It is stated by the Commercial that the attendance at the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition was 42,000, which was 12,000 more than ever before. These figures represent the total number of paid admissions at the gates.

THE authorities of the Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company are discussing with Mr. Frank Kirby, the nautical designer of Detroit, the dimensions of the two lake steamers they propose to build.

A PHILADELPHIA despatch of Wednesday last states that the Phoenix Bridge Company, of Phoenixville, Pa., has closed a contract with the Ottawa and New York Railway Company to build a bridge over the St. Lawrence River at Cornwall, Ont. The bridge will be about a half mile in length. It will be ready for traffic in November.

THE builder of the Newfoundland Railway, Mr. R. G. Reid, left on Friday last by the "Coban" for the west coast of the island, where the road is fast approaching completion. Some two thousand men are engaged, and the new Clyde-built steamer "Jubilee" will begin her trips between Sydney, C.B., and Port au Basque by the end of August.

WITH a good deal of foresight the Hartford Times perceives that: "So long as the retail price of the bicycle remained at a figure which made it possible for any mechanic with a bench and a bag of tools to buy the different parts of a machine, put them together, and sell the finished product at a good profit, the multiplication of small bicycle factories was bound to continue. Now the time has come for them to quit. The bicycle business is likely to follow the same course as the sewing machine

THE following trade items may prove of interest to the business community, especially to the wholesale trade which has dealings with the parties mentioned: The Waterloo Produce Co. of Waterloo will continue business under that name, but Hogg and Habbick have retired.-We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. R. Woodhouse, hardware merchant at Fort William. --- Archibald Sharpe is going to retire from business in London, and is disposing of his stock of dry goods. -- The Ottawa hardware firm of McDougall & Cuzner is being dissolved, and hereafter will be conducted by John Cuzner --- A Frenchman named P.

Rochon is commencing business in Ottawa, and will sell anything from a frying pan or ash sifter to a silk dress. In other words, his is intended to be a full-fledged departmental store. We won't say that we wish him success.

In addition to what was said last week in this column about the effect of continued rains on the fields in Ontario, we have the following from Quebec sources: The Richmond Guardian says: "The hay yield turns out better than the most sanguine of farmers expected-It will be a good average. The growth has been wonderful during the last fortnight. Even on the patches that were winter killed there is a moderate growth. We heard yesterday of 3 field from which 27 loads were cut, in place of 14 loads last year, and we believe this is not an exceptional case. The quality also is good, and great progress has been made in getting it in." The Montreal Gazette of Monday last says: "The fifty and odd hours' downpour on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday has caused considerable havoc to the crops of Eastern Ontario. In the neighborhood of Cornwall and St. Andrew's the hay crop has suffered extensively, a great portion of that which was cut and awaiting hauling being completely spoiled. The ditches are not only filled with water, but in many instances are overflowing. Large tracts of land are under water in the lower lying districts, and the crops, if not submerged are simply in a swamp and are ruined."

In Dun's Daily Bulletin of 4th inst. appear the following: The Canadian Calcium Carbide Co., Limited, is applying for incorporation at Montreal .--- Mr. J. Collette is sole owner of the Montreal commission house trading under the name of Joseph Collette & Co. - The Empire State Watch Co., Montreal, is the style of a new co-partnership. -- The Forsyth Granite and Marble Co. is applying for incorporation at Montreal.-Miss Margaret Taylor is trading under the name of Homer Taylor, in railway supplies at Montreal.-Mrs. J. Friedman is sole owner of the clothing business operated under the name of J. Friedman & Co., at Montreal. --- Mrs. A. J. Dubuc is sole owner of the St. Hyacinthe Vinegar Works at that place. -- The firm of H. & F. D. Swim, operating a planing and lumber mill at Doaktown, N B., have had the misfortune of being burned out, and the double misfortune, if it be proper to call it so, of not being insured. This firm also has a general store in the same village. Edwin Butler is successor to the general store, business of E. G. Butler, at Chester, N.S.—At Glace Bay the dissolution has been registered of the dry goods firm of McNeil & McKinnon. J. R. B. Smith & Dufresne is the style of 3 wholesale millinery firm in Montreal, of which Mrs. J. R. B. Smith is the sole owner. Neepawa, Man., is to have a new general store. which will be conducted by A. R. Graham and Jas. Kerr. This is one of the towns in Manitoba where a representative of The Monetary Times was told last year by a good merchant that he would rather have the trade of Toronto's departmental stores in Neepawa than his own: -O. Anderson is opening a drug business at Regina.

-Turner & Co. have bought out the Winnipeg Music Co., Limited, at Winnipeg. -James McCreath has bought out E. J. Ritchie's hardware business at Nelson, B.C. and after this the business will be known as The Nelson Hardware Co.—The following item comes from Meductic, N.B.: Lounsbury & Porter have dissolved partnership. Bruce Lounsbury retires and Jerome Porter is admitted as a partner, and Porter Bros. is the style of the new firm. Theirs is a general store

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