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Mercantile Summary.

A MURRAY & Co., who have been in the dry goods business in Hamilton nearly a half century, have sold their stock to Thomas C. Watkins in that city. The purchase is said to amount to nearly \$100,000.

LIGHTNING played havoc with a number of farmers' barns and live stock near Elora, near Drayton, near Thornbury, near Bowmanville, and at Markham; also a row of summer cottages on the beach at Hamilton. Probably \$8,000 to \$10,000 loss in all, with but small insurance.

THE Sherbrooke Gazette states that the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada recently received through its English branch what is probably the largest premium ever paid to a Canadian company. The amount was \$21,966, being a single payment for a combined life and annuity policy of a special character.

THE general store firm of S. & J. Carrier, of Coteau Landing, Que., in trade since 1881, is embarrassed and seeking an extension of time, payments spread over a year. They owe about \$8,000, and show a surplus of about \$11,000, but they have been liberal creditors, and have a large amount in book accounts.

THE contract for the construction of the spur to connect the T. H. & B. Railway with the Toronto branch of the Grand Trunk Railway has been awarded to Mr. M. A. Pigott of this city. The cost of the work will be over a quarter of a million. The time for the completion of the spur is fixed at four months, and work will be commenced within a few days.

For the past ten years C. R. S. Mason has done quite an extensive business in boots and shoes at Digby, N.S. He gave confession of judgment several weeks ago for \$7,016 to a party who had been backing him in business for some time past, and has now gone into insolvency. — At Amherst, in the same province, the assignment is reported of Harvey Brownell, a victualler of many years standing.

REPORTS of fires come from the west as well as from the east. The farmers' elevator at Treherne, Man., was burned, with 27,000 bushels of wheat, on the 22nd ult. Loss \$27,000; insurance \$15,000. George McCulloch & Co.'s woolen mill of Rapid City was burned on the same day; loss \$10,000, insurance \$3,000. A grain warehouse was burned on Wednesday last at Winnipeg. Early on the 27th a \$30,000

fire destroyed the tannery of Duclos & Payan at St. Hyacinthe, Que., and seven dwellings. Insurance, \$11,000 in the Imperial, Phoenix, Union, Western, United and B.A.

A FIRE originated in the engine room of Jasperson & Co.'s flour mill, Kingsville, which was totally destroyed. The mill was one of the roller process, and was reported as doing a good business, being run day and night to fill orders from the East and North-West. Total loss is estimated at \$22,000; insured for \$6,000.

W. L. WICKETT, acting for Geo. K. Crocker and the executors of the estate of the late Henry Brown, has issued a writ against Robert H. Blackmore, manager of the St. Thomas White Bronze Company, to have the business wound up. The Bronze Works were established in 1883, but it was a losing investment almost from the start. It has not for some years manufactured any statues. One of the difficulties, it seems, was in selling the goods on hand.

A MONTREAL dry goods concern of very recent establishment. J. F. Lemire & Co., have assigned on demand. Mr. Lemire, the only partner, was of Lemire & Rheume, from which firm he retired a short time ago, Mr. Rheume continuing and failing a few months ago. The liabilities are \$2,745. — T. E. Shallow, who leased the Victoria Hotel in Montreal, a year or so ago, has been unable to make the venture pay, and has been served with a demand in insolvency. He owes \$8,250. — The Montreal Sterilized Milk Co., a private enterprise, has failed for \$1,772. — A demand of assignment has been made upon Ovela Perron, a trader of this same city. — The offer of compromise, 25 per cent., made by the Montreal Waterproof Clothing Company, last week, apparently has not found favor with the creditors, as the judicial abandonment of the estate is now reported. — J. E. T. Dixon, of Montreal, a confectioner, etc., has made a private assignment. His principal business was catering for supper parties, etc., but his competitors have always complained he cut prices very much. The liabilities are placed at \$4,000 to \$5,000.

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