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Mercantile Summary.

THE license clerk of Toronto shows the receipts of his office to close of August to have been \$21,447. This is an increase of \$2,785 over the corresponding term of last year.

A STORY is told of the Brockville *Recorder* to the effect that Bailey & Co., of Kingston, broom manufacturers, are thinking of changing their location owing to various reasons, and that it is not unlikely they will go to Brockville.

THE full figures relating to the Manitoba census are in the hands of Dominion Statistician Johnson. The result shows that the population of the province has now reached 193,425. This is an increase of 84,785 population in ten years, from 1886. The first five years the increase was 40,919. The increase in the ten years was 78.04 per cent.

THE biggest cargo that ever left the port of Montreal in a sailing ship, according to tonnage, left that port last week in the Russian barquentine 'Linda.' She is 309 tons register, and she carried 219 St. Petersburg standards of deals and lumber, from 1 inch to 3 inches thick, and different widths. She carried 6½ feet of deck load. The vessel is bound for Preston, England.

J. N. JOBIN, in general store business at St. Augustin de Portneuf, Que., since the fall of 1892, has turned over his business to a Quebec assignee. He owes about \$2,000, and a lack of close attention to business is assigned as the main cause of his failure.—A. Choquette, tailor, at Valleyfield, Que., reported insolvent last week, is offering 40 cents, cash, on his liabilities of about \$2,500.

THE assignment is noted of the Harold-Raphael Co., an ordinary partnership of recent formation, engaged in the manufacture of ladies' underwear, etc., Montreal. Mr. Harold was formerly in a similar line of business in Toronto, where he made some money, only to drop it in unfortunate real estate speculations, and Mr. Raphael had previously been unsuccessful in a dry goods commission business. The liabilities are small, only about \$2,100.

At the meeting of the Canadian Cut Nail Association, held last Saturday at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, the situation was fully discussed, and it was decided to maintain the Association and make a reduction of five cents per keg on cut nails. The election of officers resulted in Mr. P. Howland, of Toronto, being chosen president; Mr. James C. Robertson, of

the Portland, N.B., rolling mills, vice-president, and Mr. R. D. Jenks, of Toronto, secretary-treasurer. The meeting adjourned to meet in the month of October next.

THE Lindsay *Post* is riled, and no wonder, at the meanness of some men. It describes a specimen as under:—A thresher borrowed money from a Kent-street merchant to pay for some repairs. He repaid it recently and asked for credit for some goods. The merchant said that while willing to lend a man who was hard up, it was contrary to his rules of business to give credit. Thereupon the very grateful thresher went to another store, bought and paid for the goods, and flaunted the receipt in the face of his friend in need.

THE Canadian autumn exhibitions have begun. The Toronto Industrial is in full swing, and will last until the 12th instant. The Western, at London, opens on the 10th; the Montreal Exhibition on the 11th; the Guelph Fair on the 15th; the Ottawa Central on the 17th; the International, at St. John, New Brunswick, on the 22nd; the Brantford Fair on the 23rd; Peterboro, 21st; St. Catharines 21st; Three Rivers, 14th; Chatham, 29th. And the Great Eastern Fair at Sherbrooke is in progress all this week.

A DRY GOODS dealer of St. Johns, Newfoundland, G. R. Brown, has gone into bankruptcy, and offers settlement at 62½ cents on the dollar. He was formerly of the firm of Brown & Milloy, who were among the sufferers by the great Newfoundland fire of 1892, and has since been handicapped by the recent commercial troubles.—Mrs. G. Walsh, in the hotel business in the same city, is also in trouble, and at a recent meeting of creditors, made an offer of 30 per cent. on liabilities of \$5,163, which was not accepted, and a committee of creditors was appointed to look into her affairs.

THE firm of Ward & Caldwell, of Montreal, doing a small business in shoes, stationery, in the Point St. Charles suburbs, have assigned, after premises had been put under seizure for rent. They owe \$2,837.—N. Laporte, of Montreal, formerly a drain contractor to the corporation, decided several years ago to go into the manufacture of cooking ranges, and later on opened a general hardware business, giving his son an interest, and the management of the store. The venture has proved unfortunate, and, after being sued several times, they have found it necessary to assign, with an indebtedness of some \$14,000.



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