

## Mercantile Summary.

ON Tuesday the grocery stock of R. A. Paterson, of Campbellford, will be sold.

ROBERTSON AND GIVAN'S hardware and grocery store in Moncton, N.B., was badly damaged by fire a few days ago, the loss being about \$10,000 or \$12,000; insured.

THE Dominion Iron and Steel Company have signed a contract with Mr. J. N. Greenshields, of Montreal, for an option sale of \$150,000 on the iron property owned by the latter party in Ste. Helene de Chester.

WE are advised of a change in the discount for "C" brand horse nails, which in future will be 40, 10 and 7½ per cent. off the trade price list, adopted in February of last year. These prices are from 20c. to 48c. per pound for sizes Nos. 9 to 4.

ACCORDING to a cable recently received in Toronto from Sir Wm. Mulock, arrangements are being made for a regular direct steamship service between Canada and South Africa. There is not likely to be any difficulty in making up cargoes sufficient to fill the vessels.

THE first cargo of Welsh anthracite coal for the port of Montreal is expected to arrive in port this week. This will be the first shipment of that class of fuel for some years, the South African war having rendered it impossible to import in quantities as was previously the case.

FURTHER investigation shows that the quantity of cedar available in British Columbia for shingle making is almost nothing, though at one time it was stated to be almost inexhaustible. Puget Sound men, it is said, have been looking for available tracts for six months without success.

THE Hawkesbury Lumber Company, Hawkesbury, has, we hear, made a deal whereby it secures the entire output of logs cut on the Deep River limits of Mr. Robt. Hurdman last season. The quantity is about 73,000 logs, aggregating some 6,000,000 feet board measure, and the price given was about \$70,000.

ON the 1st of March last the crockery and glassware firm of McFarland & Brockman, of Nelson, B.C., was dissolved. The latter, S. Y. Brockman, continued the business, but shortly afterward he gave a chattel mortgage for \$2,250. This has been foreclosed and the stock sold. The general creditors need not expect a large dividend, if any.

A LONDON druggist, named A. J. Logan, removed to Alvinston in January, 1901, and purchased the business of W. S. B. Barkwell for \$2,400, paying thereon \$300, and he mortgaged the stock for the balance of the purchase money. With this incubus he found he could not make headway and now assigns. —Another assignment is that of V. F. Marantette & Co., grocers, at Windsor. Their affairs are now in the hands of Sheriff Iler.

PROSPECTS for the sugar beet crop in Ontario appear to be very bright, the plants not having been injured so much by the excessive wet weather as may have been expected by some. The crop is said by some to be in advance of that in Michigan this year. Construction work on the Wallaceburg factory is making rapid headway, and the plant is expected to be in working order within a month. At the Warton factory the granulators and other machinery are all in position. The beets, too, are coming on nicely, but the farmers have still a good deal to learn concerning beet culture.

THE British Columbia Glue and Oil Company, operating at Howe Sound, near Vancouver, is in trouble. It was incorporated in March, 1900, with a capital of \$30,000. This was considered insufficient, and a year later the sum was increased to \$70,000, but only \$34,645 appears to have been paid. Of the total sum paid, over \$25,000 was locked up in plant. Some of the expenditure in building was unwise, and the company paid too much for its raw material. After being sued several times it has assigned, and a meeting of creditors has been held, but we do not yet know what transpired at it.

## AMONG THE WHOLESALERS.

Messrs. McWilliam & Everist, fruit merchants, Toronto, have at present in hand a large stock of Messina lemons, which they are selling at low prices.

A new industry has been started in this country, which is likely to develop into considerable importance. It is in the shape of a factory for the manufacture of linen. Flax is an important Canadian raw material, and the fibre should be made up into manufactured goods before being exported. The factory at present is mainly engaged on towelling, the entire production of which is in the hands of the W. R. Brock Co., Toronto.

The Colonial Bleaching and Printing Co, Montreal, are to be congratulated upon having succeeded lately in producing some stuff, made to retail at 10c. per yard, which is fully equal to the finest French flannels. The designs, many of them, are particularly elegant in appearance.

The W. R. Brock Co., Toronto, have three lines of grey blankets, all wool, which they are selling considerably below the usual prices; also two lines of white blankets, of which they are the exclusive sellers. They also make a feature of cotton bags, for which special prices are being quoted, which, in face of the steady market for cotton goods, and particularly for this line, are remarkably low. Other goods, particularly mentioned by this firm, are some carpet warps of specially good value, and blue denims to sell retail at 12½ to 20c. They are also showing samples of linen towelling of domestic manufacture. These are admirably adapted to the Canadian trade, being of heavy dark, solid material.

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