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Mercantile Summary.

RAILS will be laid on the Lac du Bonnet branch railway, near Winnipeg, early in the spring. About two-thirds of the grade has been completed.

THE Commercial Travellers' Association did a generous thing when at their annual meeting last week they voted \$1,000 towards the fund to provide comforts for the Canadian soldiers in South Africa.

THE stock in trade of the insolvent estate of Ed. Flynn, boot and shoe merchant, in Quebec, valued at \$1,114, was sold by auction to W. Murphy for 68 cents on the dollar. The book debts were bought by Mr. Maurice Flynn for 29 cents on the dollar.

THE death of Henry Hilker, of Port Elgin, after a long illness, removes a well-known Ontario merchant. He was one of the founders of Port Elgin, was its first reeve, and a member of the firm of Ruby & Hilker for forty years, and an intelligent and successful farmer, as well. Mr. Hilker was of German birth, and 75 years of age.

FROM D'Israeli, in Wolfe County, Que., is reported the assignment of Louis Gilbert, a manufacturer of cheese boxes, etc. He was burned out in September, with some reported loss, and was assisted by the municipality to rebuild. His liabilities are scheduled at \$35,096, and \$21,000 of it consists of a mortgage to his bankers. Nominal assets are put at \$41,000.

A PLUMBER in Montreal, D. Dugas, has assigned to the court on demand, owing \$9,900.—Henry Roy, doing a small hardware business in the St. Lawrence suburbs, Montreal, for some years, under the style of Roy Bros., has made a private assignment. Liabilities estimated at \$3,000.—In the matter of Desjardins & Viens, dry goods, Montreal, referred to last week, an assignment has been made to the court, and the statement of liabilities filed foots up to \$24,895.

A FRIEND in Sydney, C.B., sends us a sketch of the building now being erected on the corner of Pitt and Charlotte streets in that town, for the Commercial Bank of Windsor. It is of three stories, with main entrance at the corner, and is of very neat design. Another building on Charlotte street, near the Post Office, is the Ross Building, a plain and substantial structure of brick, with stone dressings, 70 feet front and 75 feet deep. Rhodes, Curry & Co. are the contractors. The Halifax Herald gives some further news showing the effect on Sydney of the industrial development going on round that town. A new wing and a pattern shop have been added to the Cape Breton Foundry and Machine Co., besides which Messrs. Hanrahan and McDonald have put up a new building on Charlotte street. The St. John brass founders, Messrs. T. McAvity & Sons, who have considerable contracts with the Dominion Iron & Steel Co., are preparing to erect a branch factory at Sydney.

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