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Mercantile Summary.

THE Kingston Street Car Company's buildings were damaged by fire last Sunday to the extent of some \$10,000.

THE movable property of the L'Evenement newspaper of Quebec, including book debts, title, and good-will, printing material, etc., was on the 27th ult. sold by auction to Mr. Sylvis Demers for \$19,850. Its publication is being continued under the new management.

THE assignment is reported of S. E. Delaronde, wholesale confectioner, Ottawa. He was unfortunate in being burned out in April last, with some loss, and his affairs are more or less complicated, owing to endorsements to a large amount for the Forty-third Mining & Milling Co.

JOHN BUCHANAN, grocer, one of the oldest merchants of the town of Levis, Que., is reported to be seeking a compromise arrangement at 20 cents on the dollar. He has always carried a large amount of outstandings on his books, and this is supposed to be the source of his troubles. Hitherto he has always paid in full.

DURING last month the building permits issued in Toronto amounted to \$493,560, an increase of \$325,222 over the corresponding month of last year. The permits for this year up to date have totalled \$1,500,674, an increase of \$730,669 compared with last year. Among the larger permits issued during the last few days are a four-story school-house addition to St. Joseph's Convent for \$20,000, and a brick stable for the Canadian Express Co., \$25,000.

CUSTOMS receipts at the port of Toronto showed another increase last month over May, in 1901, the figures being respectively \$478,421.64 and \$423,335.31, an increase for May this year of over \$55,086.33. For the fiscal year up to date the figures for 1902 are \$5,536,000, as against \$4,932,000 in 1901, an increase of \$604,000.

THE Brantford Starch Works were on the 29th ult. totally destroyed by fire which had its origin in over-heated corn. The loss is \$40,000, fully insured, and about 45 hands are thrown out of employment.

It has been decided to liquidate the boot and shoe manufacturing business of Seguin, Lalime & Co., Limited, at St. Hyacinthe, Que. The company was incorporated in 1896, in succession to the firm of Seguin, Lalime & Co., who at one time did a large and prosperous business, but who became involved through over-building and other causes, and were obliged to compromise in October of the previous year. In 1897 the town voted them a loan of \$15,000 on very easy terms, and the townspeople subscribed \$15,000 of new stock, but the concern has apparently never had a sufficiency of active capital, and have all along been more or less dependent upon the assistance of their bankers, to whom they are said to be indebted to the extent of some \$53,000. The general liabilities are said to be quite small.

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