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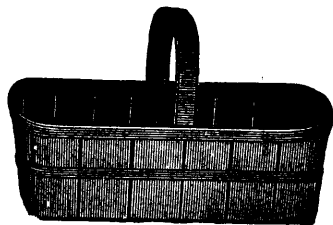
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Mercantile Summary.

ACCORDING to the *Summerside Journal*, John A. Macneill, of the late firm of Manson & Macneill has closed up his drug business at that place, and is moving to Montague, P.E.I., where he will open a drug store.

A STEAMER, the "Elliott," cleared from Prince Edward Island last week for Kingston, Jamaica, laden with oats, hay, potatoes, turkeys, geese, fowls, ducks, sheep and horses. The schooner "Matilda" cleared from Alberton, P.E.I., for Port of Spain, Trinidad, the other day, with oats, potatoes, berries, hay, fish, lobsters and live animals for cargo. At Summerside last week the schooner "Mystery" was loading with produce for the West Indies.

It is but little more than a year ago that Arthur Brown started a boot and shoe store in the west end of Toronto, and although industrious and of good repute, he is already obliged to assign. Charles Sellers has been carrying on business under the style of the Sellers Furnace Company, in Toronto, with small capital and rather poor business ability, and no one need be astonished to hear that he has assigned. Two years ago Wm. M. Spafford was a journeyman plumber. He got to be an employing plumber, and as such incurred some liabilities. But he is now obliged to put his affairs into the hands of an assignee.

In April, 1894, W. Ashton purchased the stock of drugs of Dr. Gould, in Aurora. But being of a disposition somewhat easy-going, he made no progress in the business, and after, in the meanwhile, placing a couple of mortgages on his stock, he is now obliged to assign. Having done a tailoring business in Flesherton, Midland, and now Coldwater, Ontario, F. A. Baker assigns. The store of James Pitman, of London, selling cigars, etc., has been closed out under power of chattel mortgage. Last week we noted the assignment of Henry Foulger, grocer, at Brantford. Now we hear that he is offering creditors 25 per cent. of their claims, and it looks as though, small as it is, it may be accepted. The effects of P. Brosseau, barber, Peterboro', have been seized by his landlord.

"THE waterside of Halifax has evidently had another very narrow escape," says the *Acadian Recorder* of Friday last, after describing an attempt at arson, and adds, "of course a most rigid investigation will be instituted." North of ferry slip in Halifax harbor, partly on Stayner's wharf and closely adjoining Bauld, Gibson & Co.'s property, is a long two-story wooden building, used as a fish market by Chas. Renner. On Thursday night of last week Mr. Renner locked his place, and when he opened it next morning found a strong smell of kerosene inside the premises. Going to a little office at the rear, he found a pane of glass out, the desk saturated with oil, also the floor, the window-sills, and surroundings. On a chair under the window was a heap of burned paper, which had scorched the chair, burned to a cinder, and then gone out without connecting with the oil, which was simply miraculous. Had the lighted paper fallen on the floor, there were puddles of oil there to communicate with, and, says the *Recorder*, "there are quantities of oil stored not very far away, and of course a great deal of inflammable material always to feed a wharf fire on. It would have likely been the biggest kind of a blaze before being discovered, and we might have been now looking upon a pile of smouldering ruins where are Bauld, Gibson & Co.'s and other large properties adjacent."

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