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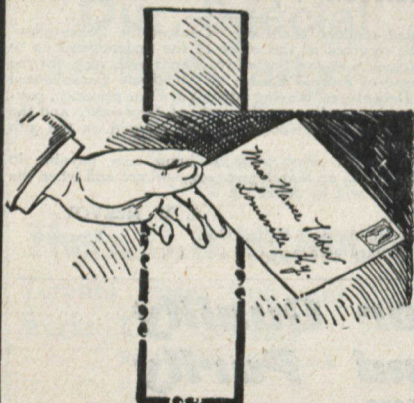
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## Mercantile Summary.

FROM Quebec city is reported the assignment of J. P. Gamache, a small manufacturer of cacks and youth's shoes, who owes about \$1,600. The business has been carried on in the name of his late father, L. P. Gamache, to whom he succeeded last summer.

A NEW line of grain and freight steamers, in connection with the Merchant's Line, will be established for the lake trade between Montreal and Port Arthur and Lake Superior ports. Two of the three vessels which will form part of the new line are Canadian built, and the third is being built in Glasgow.

THE Great Northern Railway has taken over the Montford and Gatineau, with the idea of extending it this year a distance of over 50 miles, first to St. Jerome, where it will cross the Great Northern, and then about 36 miles in a northwesterly direction. The Great Northern line from Montreal to Joliette is expected to be completed by October 1st.

THE Midland Railway Company of Nova Scotia held their annual meeting in Montreal on Friday. The reports showed that traffic, both passenger and freight, was increasing, though it had been hampered by the refusal of certain junction roads to issue through tickets. The old board of directors was re-elected, as follows: Messrs. William Strachan, president; Alfred Putnam, vice-president; Peter Lyan, B. T. Pearson, George G. Faulkner, Hon. S. H. Molmes, F. J. McMullen, John Mackay, John Beattie.

THE latest business troubles among country traders in the province of Quebec are recorded, as follows: G. Gagnon, a leading storekeeper of Thurso, is reported to be offering his creditors 30 per cent. on claims aggregating about \$14,000. This is not his first similar offer, for in 1897, being burned out with insufficient insurance, he effected a settlement at 50 cents on the dollar. It is said he has always been disposed to over-buy.—Louis Lazarus and Mrs. Wolf Grudinger, doing business at Huntingdon, under the style of the British-Canadian Clothing Co., have made an abandonment of their estate.—E. Laferriere, general merchant, at Ste. Julienne, lately reported as seeking extension favors, has assigned to the court, and is said to owe about \$4,500. A meeting of his creditors is called for the 14th inst.—Another failure is reported from Shawinigan Falls, that of Narcisse Lemay, a hotelkeeper, whose liabilities are small.—Blais & Proulx began a general business at Ste. Anne de la Pocatiere, last summer. Their prospects were not brilliant, as they were not regarded strong either in capital or business capability. Proulx died last month, and insolvency proceedings are now reported. Liabilities are put at \$4,100.—An assignment has been made by Emile Lamontagne, baker, of Bienville. His small debts are due in Quebec mainly.

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