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The population of Montreal city proper is now stated at 237,000, and if the people of suburbs are added the total will be 277,000, a very handsome figure.

A MEETING of the creditors of Ida Laird, general dry goods dealer, Hillsdale, was held on Tuesday in the office of the assignee, Mr. John Langley. Inspectors were appointed. The assets amount to \$2,221, and the liabilities \$3,144.

Mr. James Campbell, the well-known bookseller of former years, died last week, aged 80, after a brief illness. He was for many years head of the publishing firm of James Campbell & Son of this city, and had had a long career as a bookseller in Britain and New York.

THE agricultural fair of the district of Two Mountains, which includes the counties of Two Mountains, Laval, Terrebone, Montoalm, L'Assomption, Joliette, Berthier, Maskinonge, and St. Maurice, is to be held on the 3rd and 4th of September next at the village of L'Assomption.

A CORDIAL letter of thanks was sent by the brewing firm of Wm. Dow & Co. to the chief of the Montreal Fire Brigade for the services of that body at a recent fire in the company's brewery. This was accompanied by a cheque for :250, to be added to the funds of the Firemen's Benevolent Association.

The names of the steamers now building at Barrow-in-Furness for the Canadian Pacific Railway, for their Pacific service, will be the "Empress of India," the "Empress of China," and the "Empress of Japan." The first named is expected to be launched about the end of November, and will probably reach the Pacific coast and begin its service in February or March.

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