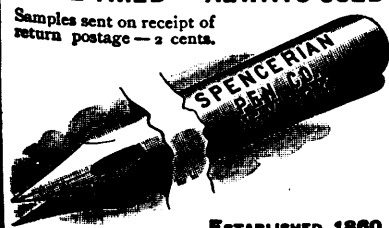


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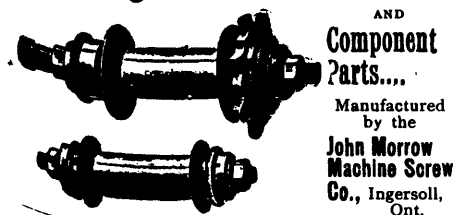
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Mercantile Summary.

THE new Consul-General for the United States at Montreal is General J. L. Bittering, of Missouri, who took over the duties of the consulate on the day that Dr. Anderson left.

ONE of the subjects of discussion by the Association of Architects of the Province of Quebec, now meeting in the ancient city, is the tall buildings of New York and other American cities.

THE stocks of clothing at Toronto and Belleville belonging to the estate of E. D. Gough, whose failure was noted in these columns before, will be sold by Suckling & Co., at their warerooms in Toronto on Wednesday, 6th inst. E. J. Henderson has given instructions that this sale be held.

THE Montreal Transportation Company is building several new barges, steel frames and hulls, with wood sheathing, at Kingston, with a carrying capacity of 50,000 bushels of grain each, at a draught of 11 feet. At the present canal depth of nine feet 35,000 bushels can be accommodated in each.

Magnetic sand, found upon the island which partly encloses Toronto Bay, has been examined by an expert of the Ontario Bureau of Mines, whose report is more encouraging than was expected. The sample examined contained 14 lbs. 3 oz. of sand, and out of that 20 oz of iron were taken, which is 9 per cent. Now 9 per cent. is considered a good percentage.

ONE of the largest failures we have to chronicle this week is that of Quigley & Co., boot and shoe merchants, at Guelph. This firm commenced trading in the Royal City in 1893, and have also lately had a branch at Berlin. The firm's trouble has come about, we understand, owing to their bankers having ceased to give them further accommodation. An assignment has been made, with liabilities totalling \$10,000 and unknown assets.

It is intended to hold, on Wednesday next, 6th instant, in the Board of Trade rooms, Toronto, a meeting of Ontario lumbermen, Col. Davidson in the chair. On that occasion is expected the report of a committee, consisting of Messrs. Scott, Bertram, Rathbun and Waldie, appointed by the lumbermen at their meeting last month, to present to the Ontario Government the resolution passed, and take such further action as seems advisable in behalf of the lumber industry of this province. Reduced fares by rail are being arranged for the occasion, we understand.

ALL accounts agree that Ottawa is one of the busiest and most actively prosperous places in Canada at present. Commercial travellers say that merchants there are turning over their stocks rapidly. The big Fair of last week attracted crowds to the capital, and the passenger traffic then was probably the best the railways running into Ottawa have ever had. It is estimated that during the week they brought in fully 40,000 passengers, the C.P.R. bringing about 20,000, the Canada Atlantic & Parry Sound 15,000, and the Pontiac Pacific and Gatineau Valley roads about 5,000.

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