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Mercantile Summary.

THERE is some talk of establishing a
Canadian branch of the McLaughlin Air
Brake Co., at Windsor; about a thousand
men would be employed.

THE Charles Langlois Co., Limited, is
the name of a company which has been
formed in Montreal to carry on a whole-
sale butter, cheese, and general pro-
visions trade; the capital stock is \$200,-
000.

SOME forty machinists and cabinet-
makers, employed in the manufacture of
furniture in Berlin, are talking of join-
ing hands with a capitalist and setting
up a factory in the same line either in
Galt or Dundas.

At a sale at Stevens' Covent Garden
auction rooms, on the 22nd inst., a set of
Mafeking stamps brought thirty-eight
guineas. The Mafeking monkey, "Gen-
eral Snyman," which was trained to
ring a warning bell during the siege,
was sold for forty guineas.

THE bankruptcy report for the United
Kingdom for 1899 shows a decrease of
481 failures and a million and a quarter
sterling in liabilities, as compared with
the previous year. The special feature
is the number of bankrupt solicitors, the
liabilities of four of whom amounted to
more than £643,000.

AMONG the fires of the week are the
following: R. B. Miller's sawmill, at
Rossland, B.C., loss \$20,000, not in-
sured; Marin, Frere & Arsene's tannery,
at Quebec, loss, \$20,000, insured; H. A.
Baker's barns and blacksmith shop, at
Moscow, Ont., loss, \$4,000, insurance,
\$2,500; Frost & Wood's storage ware-
house, in Winnipeg, loss, \$6,000, the
fire being probably of incendiary origin;
Doolittle's sawmill, near Centreville,
loss heavy.

Two mountain-climbers, from Chicago,
have been attempting the ascent of
Mount Assiniboine, some 16,000 feet
high, "the Matterhorn of the Canadian
Rocky Mountains." They did not reach
the summit, but they got 1,200 feet higher
up than anyone ever did before—and this
is joy to the heart of any mountain-
scalers. Doubtless this news will at-
tract other mountaineers from England
and the Continent to try again. Of
course Canada is not averse to any kind
of advertisement, but we should prefer
the visits of men of the producing stamp
to those of the mere Alp-searcher.

At a meeting of the Maritime Board
of Trade, in Kentville, N.S., on August
17th, the following resolution regarding
Preferential Trade was passed: "Resolved,
that in the opinion of this Board, mutual
preferential trade within the British
Empire would greatly tend to cement the
unity of the Empire, vastly assist in de-
veloping the material resources of the
several colonies and dependencies there-
of, holding a restraining influence upon
emigration, directing it from foreign
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