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Mercantile Summary.

JOSEPH LAPIERRE, a general merchant for twelve years at St. Antoine, Que., has had to assign. He has always been reported somewhat slack in payments, and of late has been sued in a few instances.

THE president of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association, Hon. J. D. Rolland, of Montreal, has received through Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, the Secretary for the Colonies, an acknowledgment from the Queen of the Jubilee address forwarded to Her Majesty.

WE hear with regret of the death of Mr. Richard P. Field, of the Morris, Field, Rogers Co., at Listowel. It is stated by the Listowel Banner that this concern is exporting piano parts to Europe, and that it turns out more than a thousand keyboards a week.

THE surplus of the Wagner Palace Car Company for the year ending June 30th, according to an Albany paper, was \$1,424,333. The annual report shows that the gross earnings were \$3,436,281, and the expenses \$2,011,948. This report includes the operations of the company in twenty States and the Dominion of Canada

WE regret to learn of the embarrassment of Tees, Wilson & Co., tea jobbers, Montreal, who have called a meeting of their creditors, and will most likely abandon their estate. The firm is a continuation of the old-time grocery house of Sinclair, Jack & Co., but of late years Mr. D. T. Tees has been the only partner, and the business quite a moderate one. The liabilities are about \$22,000.

Louis Desjardins, dry goods man, Montreal, who has assigned, as a result of being unable to complete a compromise arrangement made last February, now makes a very unfavorable showing. In February he showed a deficiency of \$1,500 on liabilities of about \$20. 000; but at a meeting of creditors held Tuesday, 3rd August, he presents a statement showing at present an indebtedness of \$30,000, with assets of only \$14,000.

LLOYD's register of shipping shows that the gross tonnage built during first half 1897 in British yards was 871,661 tons, against 774,012 in the corresponding half of last year, an increase of 97,649 tons. At present there is a large amount of tonnage on the stocks, representing orders for nearly all nations. Great Britain has 639,113 tons being built; Japan, 54,365 tons; Holland, 24,560 tons; Germany, 17,828 tons; the British colonies, 17,891 tons. Unfortunately, the prospects for the year are clouded by the engineers' strike, which is stopping work at many of the ship yards, and will cause new orders to be sent elsewhere.

Announcement is made of the formation of a partnership by Toronto parties for the business of handling merchants' estates or investigating their affairs. The parties are wellknown and competent gentlemen. Few, probably, are more widely known in Ontario than Mr. Paul Campbell, formerly of the wholesale dry goods firm, John Macdonald & Co. His associate is Mr. William Campbell, who has had the advantage of a dozen years in the C.P.R. offices in the position of accountant, and who is also favorably known in Toronto. Both are men of integrity and of strict business training, and both are hard workers. Their office, we understand, will be in the McKinnon Building. Mr. Paul Campbell will act as assignee and valuator, for which his long experience fully qualifies him, while the firm of Campbell & Campbell will undertake the duties of accountants.

THE annual meeting of the Acadia Coal and Coke Company was held last week in St. John. Mr. J. D. Chipman, St. Stephen, and Messrs. F. P. Thompson and W. T. Whitehead, Fredericton, came to the city to attend the meeting.

Among trade items from the Maritime provinces we hear that H. R. Shaw, dealer in hardware, Bridgetown, has sold out to N. W. Benson: also that W. E. Nickerson succeeds the late W. Crowell as a general dealer at Shag Harbor. Splane & Johnston have registered a partnership as ship chandlers in St. John, N.B. T. B. Smith, builder, New Glasgow; G. E. Eaton, general store, Cannington, and L. P. LeBlanc, of the LeBlanc Mfg. Co., manufacturers doors and sashes, are dead.

For the week Montreal city furnishes the following small list of small failures: A demand of assignment has been made upon Joseph Soucisse, a hay dealer.—Arthur Peltier, a tailor owing about \$900, is reported to be in financial difficulties. - T. Geoffrion & Co., making boots and shoes in a small way, have assigned, fyling liabilities of \$3,768.-Soupin, grocer, has assigned. --- Narcisse Desnovers and J. O. Clement, two suburban grocers, have assigned, with small liabilities in each case. --- Alexandre & Lefebvre, bicycle agents, etc., have made an assignment. After a few months' business existence, Alexandre is reported an absentee

THE British Association visitors need not go away without a notion what our Canadian woodland and small lake scenery is like. The local committee has on its programme a trip which it is expected some 250 of the scientists will take, namely, via the Grand Trunk Railway to Penetanguishene, and thence by boat to Parry Sound. Ottawa will be the next point of destination, per Ottawa and Parry Sound road, with a lunch at Algonquin Park en route. The excursionists will reach Ottawa on Friday evening, August 27th, and will be entertained to dinner. On Saturday morning they will view the sights in the city, and at 2 p.m. leave for Montreal.

In last week's issue of THE MONETARY TIMES was a paragraph referring to the failure of C. H. Gerbig, of Ayr, and in it was the following statement: "In September last he found it necessary to mortgage his stock for \$6,200, and in April this year placed another mortgage for \$4,000... These mortgages have been foreclosed," etc. Mr. Gerbig informs us that in April this year he paid \$2.200 on account of the mortgage given in September for \$6,200, and gave a new mortgage for \$4,000; so that instead of there being \$10,-200 due, as the former statement would lead one to infer, the total mortgage liability is \$4,000 to-day.

THE Mercantile Syndicate Company, of Ottawa, was incorporated in January, 1896, with the object of dealing in bankrupt stocks and for general trading purposes, with an authorized capital of \$100,000, of which, it is understood, about \$18,000 is paid up. The company now seeks an extension of twelve months, secured.—Kenny Bros., an Ottawa tailoring firm, with a favorable business record extending back some 12 years, have communicated with their creditors, through their lawyers, offering a compromise of 30 cents. Some of those interested are not favorable to the proposition, and an accountant has been instructed to investigate their affairs .---]. Mc-Kinstry, of Ottawa, formerly a livery stablekeeper, but for the last year or two dealing in bankrupt stocks, is reported to be asking a compromise.