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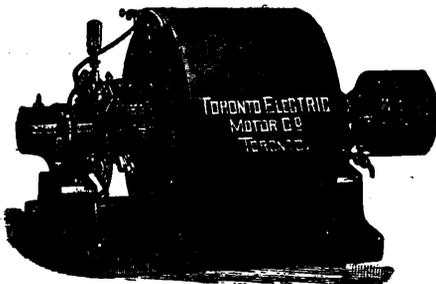
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Mercantile Summary.

NEW GLASGOW will now have two steam-boats plying between that town and Pictou.

MR. JOHN I. DAVIDSON has tendered his resignation as vice-president of the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

THE boot and shoe stock of Hugh McLean at Niagara Falls, valued at \$1,000, has been sold to Mr. J. W. Broderick, London, at 50 cents cash on the dollar.

THE directors of the Montreal Exhibition Company have decided to hold a provincial exhibition in Montreal from Thursday, 10th, to Saturday, the 19th of September next.

MOORE'S portable sawmill, Loch Lomond road, St. John, N.B., was burned Sunday morning. James R. Houy's portable sawmill, Quaco, N.B., burned Sunday, with 400,000 feet lumber.

NEILL & SMALL, general storekeepers at Kincardine, and Neill & McKay, in the same line of business at Lucknow, assigned yesterday. They did business in bankrupt stocks in several places.

THE wholesale paint manufacturing business of Wm. Johnson, Dickson & Co., of Montreal, has been bought out by Messrs. Alex. Ramsay & Son, of that city, who acquire all trade marks, etc.

AN extension of the premises of the Strome & Whyte Co., in Brandon, is about being made. That of the east store by 50 feet and of the centre store by 25 feet. The addition to the east store will be fitted up as a boot and shoe department. The addition to the centre or No. 2 store will be used exclusively for millinery.

THE Winnipeg Board of Trade will be well represented at the Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the Empire to be held in London on the 6th of June, as the president has arranged for the following gentlemen to act as delegates: Sir Donald A. Smith, Hon. Edward Blake, Hon. T. M. Daly, Mr. Stephen Nairn, Mr. F. L. Patton, Mr. E. F. Redmond.

ABOUT a month ago we noted that a bailiff had taken possession of the dry goods stock of C. R. Masters, at Wellington, B.C. Now the sheriff advertises his effects for sale.—The mortgagees are in possession of the stock of fruit, etc., of Walter Blakie, at Victoria. Several judgments have been obtained against him.—An extension of time is required by C. Brown & Co., stationers, etc., in the same city. Two years ago they began business with a capital of about \$6,000. Several Toronto houses are interested.

MR. J. L. SPINK will be acting secretary of the board of trade during the absence of Mr. E. A. Wills, who expects to leave New York for London, May 30th, with the delegates of the Toronto board, to attend the Congress of Chambers of Commerce.

THE Wallaceburg Gas and Oil Company, Ltd., is applying for incorporation, with a capital of \$40,000. J. W. Steinhoff, John Cooper, and Edward Kelly are the promoters of the company. E. Kelly is secretary-treasurer *pro tem*, and D. A. Gordon managing director. Land is being leased, and drilling will begin shortly.

THE sealing schooners that arrived last week in Victoria, reported more than the usual average. The "Beatrice" has 382 skins, the "Penelope," more than 500. The "Minnie" has a total catch of 486 skins, 133 of which were brought to Victoria some time ago. Another arrival, the "Oscar and Hattie," brings her own catch of 353 skins and 429 belonging to her sister vessel, the "Fawn," which remains at Clayoquot.

JAMES DICKSON & Co., dealers in provisions, etc. (J. D. being the sole owner), have been in business in Toronto for over twenty years, and at one time had a considerable surplus. Lately, however, he has been slow in making remittances, and finally sued and judgment obtained against him. Now he makes assignment to E. R. C. Clarkson.—The Port Credit Pressed Brick and Terra Cotta Co., Ltd., has been purchased by Mrs. H. M. Parker.

THE preliminary details in connection with the organization of the proposed International Exhibition are being rapidly pushed to completion. The committee have decided that the most suitable time for holding the Canadian International Exhibition in Montreal is from 24th May to October 5, 1897, provided that official announcement of the holding of the exhibition is given, with Government sanction, not later than 15th June, 1896.

THE third annual meeting of the Coast Railway Company was held in Yarmouth, N.S., last week, when Messrs. John A. Brill, G. Martin Brill, W. D. Hewitt and L. Atwood were present, representing the American stockholders of the company. Thos. Robertson, M.P.P., was re-elected president; C. W. Bergner, Philadelphia, vice-president, who takes the place on the board of S. D. Pettit; J. H. Noblitt, Philadelphia, treasurer; E. S. Fraser, Yarmouth, secretary.

AMONG the oldest of the many shoe dealers in Hamilton is Henry Arland. Until a year ago he was in partnership with his brother, Patrick, who took one of their branch stores and retired from the firm. Since then some difficulties arose between the brothers and the latter issued a writ against the former for \$12,700. This culminated in Henry making an assignment. They did a large business and were deemed well off. In February, 1895, they claimed a surplus of \$39,000.—George A. Carl, harness maker at Langton, has got into trouble through endorsing while a minor for his father. A judgment has been obtained against him and his stock will be sold to satisfy it.—The firm of Snoddy & Cook, plumbers in Hamilton, dissolved partnership three years ago, and Wm. E. Cook has since continued the business, but barely made a living, and his assets were mortgaged for \$800. He now assigns.

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