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Mercantile Summary.

Mr. F. J. DEANE, editor of the Kamloops Sentinel, was elected for the North riding of Yale by 4 majority.

THE grocers of St. John are going to have a lively outing by boat on Tuesday next. They are going picnicking on the river; bands, games, races and lots of fun.

SEPTEMBER 13th to 23rd is the period decided upon for the International Exhibition at St. John, New Brunswick. Machinery is to be exhibited in motion, and we observe that a prize is offered for the best display made by a manufacturer.

THE wholesale hat stock of J. P. Archibald & Co., Truro, N.S., has been sold to the Archibald Company, Limited, who are seeking incorporation with an authorized capital of \$25,000. The president will be Mr. John Archibald, of the Empire Tobacco Company, at Granby, Que.

ONE of the new phases of electricity about shipyards, is electrical riveting, this being claimed to be a more efficient system than either the pneumatic or hydraulic. As regards quantity of work, an electrical machine is stated to do 1,200 rivets in a day of 10 hours, with three men and a boy.

It appears, from a cablegram of Saturday last, that the Wilson and Furness Steamship Company are retiring from the London and New York trade, for they have sold their steamers to the Atlantic Transport Company, the boats being the "Alexandria," "Victoria," "Winifreda," "Boadicea," and "Cleopatra," each with a tonnage of about 7,000 tons.

A ST. JOHN paper says that Stetson & Cutler's mill at Indiantown generally known as the "big mill" will be re-opened this week. The band saw will be started but the gang saw will not run at present. The opening of the big mill is good news to the many mill men about Indiantown who have been out of employment for some time.

A MEETING of the creditors of M. Thivierge, Jr., shoes, Montreal, was held a few days ago, when he made a proposition to pay 20 per cent. cash. Creditors did not accept, and adjourned to allow him to amend his offer, which they think should be 50 cents.—W. L. Messier,

another small dealer in the same line, and of the same city, has made a voluntary assignment, owing \$1,100 or thereabout.

THE following important announcement, signed by Mr. Whyte, was issued Friday last by Manager Whyte, of the Western division of the C.P.R., says the Winnipeg Free Press: "Commencing with this year's crop, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company will furnish cars to producers of grain to be loaded direct from wagons or teams, provided there be no unreasonable delay about loading the cars." This is a welcome step because heretofore all grain has had to pass through elevators.

THE Brandon Fair, this week, is to be a good one, according to advices up to Saturday. Exhibits were more numerous than in 1897; more room has been provided for them and for spectators by the erection of new buildings, and there are more seats in the grand stand for the races. The ten hotels of that live Manitoba town are straining every nerve in preparation for the crowd of visitors who are coming, while buildings and halls as well as dwellings will probably be utilized in "putting up" visitors.

THE country failures in Quebec Province continue few in number, and of minor importance. From Three Rivers we hear of the assignment of Liboire Piche, grocer, who has been in business about eighteen months. He was previously a baggageman on the C.P.R., and a too liberal indulgence in credit-giving is assigned as the cause of his trouble. Probably he in turn got credit too easily. —E. Lemire, a carriage-maker at Maskinonge, has assigned. He went thither two years ago from St. Didace, and the failure of Letang, Letang & Co. in Montreal, wholesale hardware dealers, is said to have hastened his assignment. —C. B. Champion, a small trader, and shingle mill owner, of Matapedia, is reported in difficulties, and asking an extension. He is only a few years here from Campbellton, N.B.—J. A. Gignere, in a small general store way at Louiseville since 1893, has been the target for several recent suits by Montreal and Quebec houses, and has been trying to arrange a 25 cents compromise, but creditors do not seem to favor a settlement. owes between \$2,000 and \$3,000.

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