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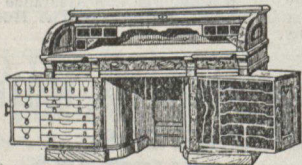
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Mercantile Summary.

AN exchange says that the Noxon Co., limited, Ingersoll, are about to increase the manufacture of agricultural imple-
ments. Their blacksmith shop, recently
burned, has been rebuilt and enlarged.
The present management are said to have
bought four-fifths of the entire subscribed
capital.

THE offer of Messrs. Merritt Bros.,
wholesale grocers, St. John, N.B., of 15
cents in the dollar, has not been accepted.
—Dean & Co., grocers, of the same
city, whose failure in connection with the
Merritt insolvency has already been noted,
have made an offer of 20 cents on liabil-
ities of \$8,000, but the matter is yet un-
decided.

THE by-law to grant a bonus to the
L. O. Grothe Company, limited to estab-
lish a cigar factory in the municipality of
St. Louis, a suburb of Montreal, was de-
feated by a majority of 55 votes. The
majority in value of property represented,
however, was in favor of the by-law,
large holders of vacant land in the vicin-
ity of the proposed factory voting in
favor of it.

H. CHRISTIN, ginger-ale manufacturer,
Ottawa, is reported as seeking an exten-
sion on liabilities of about \$2,000.—E.
Heligman, shoes and clothing, of the
same city, is offering his creditors 30
cents in the dollar.—Tierney Bros.,
general merchants, Arnprior, Ont., suc-
cessors to the insolvent firm of J. Tierney
& Sons, are reported as proposing a com-
promise arrangement at the rate of 25
cents on the dollar.

It is rumored that J. Pierrepont
Morgan and his allies are about to form
another huge industrial combination, to
take over the export trade of the United
States Steel Corporation, to consolidate
the American armor plate manufacturers,
and to build merchant vessels and war-
ships. These interests are also to be
closely allied with, if not made a unit
with, large interests of like character
abroad, and the new company is, it is
said, to be known as the Anglo-American
Steel Company.

COUNTRY failures for the week in the
Province of Quebec are few and unim-
portant. The principal insolvency is that
of J. N. Garant, a general dealer and
farmer, of Caplin, in the Gaspé district.
He has been apparently losing ground
for some time past. Several suits have
appeared versus him of late, and he has
now assigned. Obligations from \$8,000
to \$10,000, with assets of \$5,500.—M.
D. Clarioux, has done a small general
business at Duclos. Previously he was in
business unsuccessfully at Hull, and he
has met with no better results in his new
location.—The assignment is reported
on demand of J. P. Durand, druggist at
St. Jerome. He is also a native of Hull,
where he failed in 1895, and had been a
clerk in Montreal.—Charles St. Laur-
ent, tinsmith, etc., at Chicoutimi, has
made an assignment of his estate, having
small liabilities, principally in Quebec.

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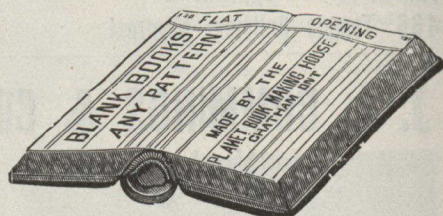
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