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The departmental store, trading stamps, freight rates, and other matters are slated for consideration by the retail merchants of London. At a well attended meeting last week, organization into an association was effected. The officers are: President, E. N. Hunt; vice-president, Ward Sutherland; honorary-secretary, W. H. Ferguson; secretary, E. Sutton; treasurer, W. Morrison; executive committee, J. Scandrett, John Pocock, Thomas Kingsmill, Thomas Gillean, George Taylor, L. W. Graves, George Morris, W. Mills, W. A. Brock, A. Wolfe, W. J. Reid, S. Steveley, W. Wilkins, G. W. Kent, Jos. Johnston, W. J. Darch, Charles Graham, W. Smith and Robert Burns. The London body will affiliate with the Provincial Association.

GASPE BOARD OF TRADE.

The secretary sends us the list of officers of this Board for the current year.

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THE Wagner-Fenton Tobacco Co., Leamington, Ont., are demonstrating that Canadian leaf tobacco can be successfully handled. They started buying in November, and that month's output was 3,291 lbs.; in December it was 6,662 lbs., and in January, 17,719 lbs. A new factory is to be started in the town as soon as the building can be erected and the money got. Mr. H. Wigle is the promoter of it, and he already has buyers in the field securing the leaf.

THE premises in Meaford, recently rebuilt by Mr. W. W. Stephen, druggist and seedsman in that town, is a substantial and commodious one. The second flat accommodates the Public Library and several offices. Incandescent light and hot water-heating make this an up-to-date building.

Mr. Blair gave some interesting information when he said that during the season of 1898—99, the exports from Canada to Australia were \$1,498,344, of which amount \$589,802 was in agricultural implements.

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