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## Mercantile Summary.

Mr. J. R. HARRIS has commenced building an addition to his woolen mill at Rockwood.

J. A. Plamondon & Co., a small Quebec crockery firm who started last March, have assigned with liabilities of \$1,800.

THE German residents of Berlin, Ontario, have erected in the beautiful Victoria Park of that town, a bronze statue of the German Emperor.

PROJECTORS of a condensed milk factory, in Sherbrooke, ask the council of that city for a bonus of \$5,000 and exemption from taxation for ten years.

N. P. Finch, who has a departmental store at Aylmer, Ont., has assigned to Claude B. Armstrong, of London. Assets about \$40,000; liabilities, \$28,000.

BRITISH COLUMBIA advices say that independently altogether of the Klondike traffic. the up-the-coast trade of our Pacific shore has increased wonderfully during the last few months.

THE steamer "Lytton" returned last week from a successful trip up the Columbia River as far as La Porta, 45 miles. She is the first steamer that has plied north of Revelstoke since 1868.

At the annual meeting of the Ottawa Car Company directors were elected as under: T. Ahearn, president; J. W. McRae, Wm. Scott, P. Whelen and W. W. Wylie, vicepresident and superintendent.

A Buffalo despatch says that the Connersville Elevator Company has taken a contract for building the C.P.R. elevator at Fort William, which is to hold 1,500,000 bushels, with a capacity for doubling, and is to be done in February.

At VICTORIA, on Sunday last, there were close upon 1,000 men of every class, and from every part of the world who were wildly anxious to get started on the long trip to the new Eldorado. These men had tickets which carry them to Skagway Bay on the big collier "Bristol," or on the steamer "Islander," both of which sailed to-day.

GENTLEMEN representing various cash and mutual fire insurance companies of the province met in the Economical Insurance building at Berlin last week to discuss insurance questions Among those present: D. C. Macdonald, L. Leitch, A. McInnes, of London; C. M. Taylor, of Waterloo; J. A. Ross, Guelph; C. Packert, Stratford; R. S. Strong, Galt; H. Krantz.

THE Victoria Times of the 9th instant, thinks that the pack of salmon on the Fraser River this season will be a record-breaker. It is not a wild guess to predict a pack of one million cases if the phenomenal run of the past two weeks continues for a few weeks longer. Thus early in the season, some of the canneries have already secured two-thirds of their contemplated pack.

THE Montreal firm of Laramee & Massicotte, who carried on a departmental store on St. Catherine street east, and whose difficulties were alluded to recently, had a meeting of their creditors the other day, and being unable to effect a settlement have assigned to the court, owing some \$44,000.—C. Berger & Co., grocers in Montreal, have assigned, owing the trade about \$2,000, but it is expected a very good dividend, if not 100 cents in the dollar will be paid by the estate, as there is a likelihood that the father, who holds quite a claim, will not rank as a creditor.

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