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Mercantile Summary.

MRS. MARY GENTLES, carrying on a bakery business at North Sydney, N.S., is asking a general extension, owing to poor business.—J. R. Hoey, a miller in a small way at Hardingville, N.B., has assigned to the sheriff.

L. BERGEVIN, tailor and haberdasher, Quebec, recently failed, has been endeavoring to settle liabilities of \$16,000 at 75 cents on the dollar, but his offer is apparently not acceptable, as the assets are advertised to be sold June 7th.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway recently made an important contract, which will help to make up for the lightness of wheat shipments. It has arranged to ship 15,000 tons of lead ore from the Kootenay district of British Columbia direct to England.

THE contracting firm of J. Lambert & Fils, in a considerable way of business at Montreal, have assigned. Just about a year ago they became involved and failed, owing some \$70,000, and they have since been doing business under cover of the junior partner's wife's name.

THE traffic of the Toronto Railway Company on Victoria Day last week was the largest for any 24th of May in the history of the company. The receipts were \$10,882.95, against \$9,670.25 in 1903, or an increase of \$1,212.70. The passengers carried, excluding transfers, numbered 255,554, against 225,071 in 1903.

U. PHOENIX, general store, Windsor Mills, Que., lately insolvent, has arranged to pay 30 cents.—The creditors of F. Parizeau, lumber dealer, Beloeil Station, Que., have accepted 50 per cent. of their claims, amounting to \$21,000.—Mrs. W. Robinson, milliner, at Terrebonne, Que., has assigned. She owes about \$1,500.

THE death, on Saturday night last, of Mr. J. C. Copp, removes a man who has been long in active business life in Toronto. That he had reached the sixty-fifth year of his age surprised many who had known him well, so active was he, so cheerful, so capable of work of any kind—and indeed since he left his native Devon his has been a hard-working life. In Jacques and Hay's furniture establishment thirty or forty years ago he was the almost omnipresent man of the place. As instances of his warmth in social and religious directions, he was a director of the Upper Canada Tract Society, as well as of the Upper Canada Bible Society, treasurer of the Lord's Day Alliance, president of St. George's Society, and prominent in the Congregational Union. In business circles Mr. Copp was manager of the Toronto Loan and Investment corporation, director of the Crown Bank, and in request as a skilled accountant and a fair-minded arbitrator. The deceased gentleman was one of those sturdy persons who well illustrate the line—of Charles Mackay, if we do not mistake—"the upright downright Englishman."

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ST. CATHARINES, Ont., council favor the city's subscribing for \$20,000 worth of stock in the Niagara, Queenston and St. Catharines Railway Company, which purposes building an electric line from St. Catharines to Niagara-on-the-Lake, and thence along the bank of the Niagara River to Queenston. A by-law will be submitted to the ratepayers for their approval on the 22nd inst.

A FIRM named Patterson & Baird started up in the grocery line last January in the north-eastern suburbs of Montreal, and have already collapsed.—Another short-lived venture in the same line is that of B. O'Connell, who began keeping shop in the western suburbs less than two years ago, but who has now assigned, owing about \$2,000.—A. Perrault, grocer and butcher, of the same city, makes an offer of 35 cents in the dollar on his small liabilities.