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Mercantile Summary.

IROQUOIS, Ont., ratepayers have passed a by-law providing for the issue of \$1,800 worth of debentures for the completion of the electric light and waterworks systems.

THE Montreal Street Railway Company are collecting data upon which to organize a mutual benefit association among its employees for the relief of the sick or injured, and widows and children, and to provide pensions for those who have grown old in the service.

THE Vulcan Iron Works, Winnipeg, have purchased a large site of land along the C.P.R. upon which they will make the extensions to their factory, which they deem the future will render necessary. They now have nearly two miles of railway frontage.

THE Toronto firm of M. H. Peterson & Co., apple exporters, is composed of two brothers, who carried on the business for about ten years. For a number of seasons they met with great success and made money. For the two seasons past, however, they have lost heavily on shipments. About a month ago they visited the Old Country with the object of making a compromise with English creditors, but were unsuccessful in their errand. They now assign with liabilities estimated at about \$65,000.

THE following list gives the names of inventors and their patents, granted last week in Canada and the United States: Canadian.—H. S. Badger, weighing and sampling machines for liquids and other materials; T. P. Shaw and J. E. Paddon, furnaces; J. E. Harrison, hay and grain elevators; T. W. Baird, storm sashes for windows; W. Hargrove, clothes horse; P. Larcher, shoe lasts; E. D. L. Ford, towels; J. Pettit, mowing machines; C. Cuthbert, straw stackers; J. G. King and J. Edwards, grain dryers; J. H. Austin, mat-frame clamp; N. Begin, gates; A. Lawson, cartridge capping and decapping machines; F. Burdett, artificial fishing baits; W. J. Rimmington, woven wire mattresses; F. H. Sleeper, engines; W. McCloskey, cultivators; T. Copeman, ladder and scaffold supports; E. J. Getty, boots and shoes; J. A. Smith, and W. Revell, filters; W. G. Arnold, stoves; V. A. Wallace, hat rim protectors; R. and T. Christie, pneumatic straw stackers for threshing machines; J. N. D'Artois and C. Brouillette, mowing machines; O. Gosselin, churns; T. A. Leslie, divider arms for harvesting machines; J. D. Belcher, corsets. United States.—J. H. Cotter, domestic refuse crematory; J. S. Crawford and G. W. Kinder, automatic alarm for heated journals; F. J. Ferguson, dough dividing machine; G. H. Harland, counter support; C. H. Hutchings, machine for moulding building-blocks or artificial stone; J. L. Kieffer, take-up mechanism for shoe-sewing machines; J. L. Kieffer, work-gauge for shoe-sewing machines; A. Lake, lawn mower; E. A. Lewis, eye glasses; W. G. Nott, tubular skate; F. Richardson, combined churn and butter worker; G. A. Roedde, loose-leaf binder.

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