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## Mercantile Summary.

A WINDING-up order has been granted in the matter of the Strathcona Rubber Co., Limited, of Montreal, and J. McD. Hains has been appointed liquidator. The company was incorporated in September, 1901, to take over the business of E. L. Rosenthal, manufacturer of water proof clothing, who remained the principal stockholder. The authorized capital was \$50,000, of which about half was subscribed.

THE Dominion Government has appointed Mr. J. K. Barrett, who has been and will continue to be Inspector of Inland Revenue for the Winnipeg district, inspector of malthouses and breweries for the whole Dominion. It may be mentioned, too, that it recently passed an order-in-council giving the Minister of Inland Revenue power to issue licenses for the manufacture of beer and other malt liquors in the Yukon.

WE understand that Mr. David Russell, head of the Abbey Salt Company, has purchased the hotel at Caledonia Springs, in East Ontario, close to L'Orignal, with 270 acres of land adjoining. He purposes to establish a spa or health resort with all modern appliances for giving invalids and others the use of the healing waters of that locality. This was already a favorite place for many to visit, but is susceptible of improvement, to come up to modern standards.

It has been officially announced that the United States Steel Corporation will begin work shortly on the large new plant to be erected at Port Colborne, Ont. Concessions from the Dominion Government have been secured for the dredging of an immense basin or harbor at the junction of the Welland Canal and Lake Erie, large enough to harbor sea-going vessels of the company's fleet. An option has been secured from one of the Niagara Falls power companies for 6,000 horse-power of electric power. The product, according to present arrangements, is to be sold in Canada and exported, but not shipped into the United States, where there are already ample facilities for all the supplies needed.

A STRIKE began among the corporation laborers at St. John on Friday last. The men at work on street and water and sewerage department work wanted increased wages. The men get from \$1 to \$1.50 a day, but the majority are paid \$1 and \$1.20. They want 25 per cent. increase. About 200 will be affected. This is the first strike in years, but the laborers are said to have the sympathy of the various labor trades unions recently organized in St. John. On Saturday, 4th July, there was another St. John strike. The laborers working on the Street Railway Company's extension work on Douglas Ave. struck for \$1.50 a day. The company decided that they would pay \$1.50, but only to picked men.

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