

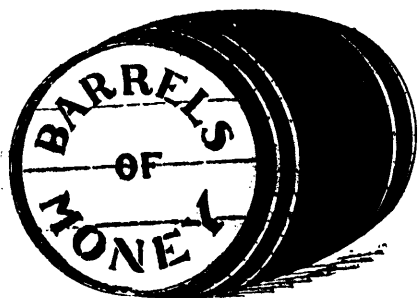


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Mercantile Summary.

A NUMBER of storekeepers are complaining of the large amount of counterfeit small coin that is at present in circulation. Bad ten-cent-pieces seem to be the commonest.

INGERSOLL has six miles of granolithic walk laid at an expense of 12½ cents per square foot; Ingersoll has a stone crusher and street roller; Galt has the same; even Brantford has some machinery for improving its roads. But Paris, says the *Review*, potters along wasting money on its streets that get worse every year.

EVERY one of the 106 boards of trade in Canada, a list of which was given in THE MONETARY TIMES last week, should get a copy of the 1896 report of the British Columbia Board of Trade by addressing Mr. F. Elworthy, the secretary, at Victoria. On pages 15 to 20, 27, 54, 55, and 76 to 80, are to be found facts and statistics relating to the mining capabilities and products of that province.

THE outbreak of hog cholera in Kent county is serious. It is supposed to have originated on Walpole Island, Lake St. Clair. Dr. Radley, who accompanied Inspector Golden in his visit to Wallaceburg and vicinity, tells the *Chatham Planet* that nearly 1,000 hogs have been ordered to be destroyed. Dr. Golden considers this a local epidemic, and that it has nothing to do with the outbreak in Essex county.

It is seldom we hear of a country merchant being continuously in business for a period of forty-nine years and showing a record throughout of steady, if gradual, progress, and free from an unfavorable feature. Such a case, which is worthy of recording, is that of Mr. James Anderson, Sr., of Anderson's Corners, in the county of Huntingdon, Que., a section noted for the general thrift and industry of its citizens. Mr. Anderson now retires in favor of his son, E. Anderson, and it is to be hoped may long live to enjoy his well-earned competence.

IN a circular issued by the Barber & Ellis Company, Ltd., attention is called to a change they have decided to make in their terms: "We have been selling stationery at 5 per cent. off, thirty days or four months, and envelopes at 3 per cent. off, thirty days or four months. In order to avoid having different terms, we have decided to give 4 per cent. off on everything that we sell, 30 days, or four months net. All orders that we have on hand will be filled on these terms, and also all future orders."

IN January, 1891, Wilmer Smith succeeded to the furniture business of G. C. Robinson, at Goderich, paying \$1,200 at the time of purchase. This was by many considered more than the business was worth, and in 1893 Smith was obliged to mortgage his effects. This incumbrance he has been unable to reduce, and now puts his affairs into an assignee's hands.—An assignment has also been made by G. C. Kilpatrick, who is a boot and shoe dealer at Simcoe. When he began business a little more than two years ago, he claimed to have a capital of \$2,000.—H. Nicholson, tailor and dealer in men's furnishing goods, Port Arthur, opened a store without capital in 1892. Soon he worked up a good trade, and was supposed to be worth several thousand dollars. During the past two years, however, his trade has been growing less; and as a consequence, he became slow in meeting his bills. We now hear of his assignment.—After keeping a grocery at Cedarville more than two years without making any money, W. G. Lowrey also assigns.—Other assignments are those of Jackson & Hammill, brickmakers, in Peel township; Donald Kerth, merchant, Mat-tawa; John McGann, thresher, at Mildmay.

TENDERS FOR DEBENTURES.

Sealed Tenders for \$185,000 City of London Debentures will be received at the office of the City Treasurer, London, Ont., up to 5 o'clock p.m. Friday, November 20th, 1896. \$100,000 of said debentures date from January 8th, 1894, maturing January 8th, 1924, bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent., payable half-yearly, and \$85,000 of said debentures date from November 2nd, 1896, maturing November 2nd, 1936, bearing interest at the rate of 3½ per cent., payable half-yearly.

Form of Tender and other information may be had on application to the office of the undersigned.

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