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B. E. WALKER,
General Manager Canadian Bank of Commerce.
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Secretary Bank of British Columbia.

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Mercantile Summary.

AN Ottawa despatch says that Joseph Cavanagh, wholesale and retail grocer, of that city, has assigned his stock to his creditors.

A MEETING of directors of the Dominion Steel Company was held at Montreal last week. After the meeting, Manager Moxham stated that the manufacture of pig iron will be begun in a few days. Steel would be made in August. By the close of navigation the company, it is expected, will have 175,000 tons of ore on hand.

THOS. MACFARLANE, chief analyst for the Dominion Government Inland Revenue Department, was last week present at a meeting in Washington of official chemists of the United States. Among the most interesting discussions was one on the best method of ascertaining the percentage of available phosphoric acid in fertilizers. It was resolved that the official methods of analysis used in the United States should be modified, so as to be uniform with those used in other countries.

THE estimate of the Russian grain crop shows a decrease of about 48,000,000 bushels, compared with last year, on wheat, while the other crops make a favorable comparison. During the past eight years, the wheat crop of Russia has averaged 376,000,000 bushels, and the exports have averaged 104,000,000 bushels. This would leave an average home supply of 272,000,000 bushels. On the basis of this year's crop, and the average exports, the export surplus would be 52,000,000 bushels, plus the surplus of old wheat carried over from preceding years.

A CHARTER is issued by the Ontario Government to R. C. Steele, S. E. Briggs, George Henry Hogg, of Toronto; James W. Hogg, of Hamilton, and Wm. T. Hogg, of Oakwood, to grow and deal in seeds, and buy and sell garden implements, under the name of the Robert Evans Seed Company, Limited. Also to buy the stock, good-will and assets of the late firm of Robert Evans & Co., Hamilton. The share capital of the new company to be \$50,000; its head office, Hamilton, and its provisional directors Richard Clarke Steele, Sylvester E. Briggs, and James Wightman Hogg.

AN instance, in a small and remote way, it is true, but still of a kind that typifies many general dealers in Canada, who try many other ways to make a living, before they try "keeping store," is that of E. Huard, of Bonfield, in the Nipissing Country. He formerly carried on a hotel business at Mattawa, but moved to Bonfield, Ont., in 1897, where he started butchering. He shortly after sold out in that line, and laid in a stock of general merchandise, but he apparently lacked experience as a storekeeper, and has assigned. He perhaps thinks by this time, if he thinks about it at all, that storekeeping is not such a simple job.

F. W. SILLS, in the drug trade at Kingston since 1897, is reported insolvent.

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