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Mercantile Summary.

MR. A. E. Allin, agent of the Western Bank of Canada at New Hamburg, having resigned, Mr. Chas. Fox has been appointed in his stead

ACCORDING to a Texas Court decision, a shareholder of a corporation cannot sue to protect his rights from fraudulent actions of its officers, unless it is shown that he has made effort to obtain redress at the hands of the directors of the corporation.

A COUPLE of small grocery failures are reported in Montreal this week. Arthur Beaufoy, long in the business, but not successfully in the past, has arranged a compromise at ten cents in the dollar; while Romuald Blain, a smaller dealer, has assigned, owing about \$800.

BROSSARD & BRIEN, a Montreal dry goods firm, have assigned. They began in 1892, under fairly favorable auspices, but had to compromise last fall, at 70 cents, in payments spread over a year. These they have been un able to meet, hence their assignment.

ACCORDING to a Halifax paper, Mr. M. I. Lane, of the Newcastle branch of the Merchants Bank of Halifax, goes to head office. Mr. Park, formerly of the Dorchester office, goes to Newcastle, and Mr. R P. Foster, accountant of the Sackville branch, takes the agency at Dorchester.

Among the conventions to be held in Montreal, is that of the Grand Lodge of the Canadian Order of Foresters, which meets in that city from June 16th to the 19th. The Baptists of Ontario and Quebec will also convene in Monteal, on May 22nd, remaining in session until June 2nd, while the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec will be in session there from the 9th of June until the 15th.

On Sunday and Monday evenings last the traffic at the Windsor station and at the Bonaventure station in Montreal was immense, by reason in part of the passengers from the steamers "Parisian" and "Angloman." The outgoing trains were all crowded, that going west on the C.P.R. being comprised of twelve cars. A special also arrived at the Windsor station from Malone, N.Y., carrying a large number of immigrants bound for the West.

THERE has been a good deal written about the profits of trusts, says the Boston Bulletin, but, except in one or two cases, we believe that these enormous profits are mere figments of the imagination. Of course, when trust schemes are first started, they make large profits, but these latter are dependent upon two things which do not endure, viz, high prices and absence of competition. Now, high prices invite outside competition, and with the growth of the latter prices inevitably fall.

Some large contracts for electrical apparatus have lately been made by the Canadian General Electric Company. One includes the sale to the Lachine Rapids Hydraulic and Land Co. of twelve three-phase generators of 1,000 horsepower each. A contract was also made last week with the Montreal Street Railway Company for a 2,000 horse-power generator, making a total of 8,000 horse-power of generators made by the Canadian General Electric Company for the Montreal Street Railway, and 5,000 for the Toronto Railway. The value of contracts which this company has now under way runs up into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. It has been extremely busy on electric lighting plants, and has besides contracted for the equipment of the London, Halifax, Moncton and Cornwall Street Railways, as well as the Hamilton Radial Railway, and increased orders from the Vancouver and Victoria Street Railways.

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