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Mercantile Summary.

TWIN CITY Rapid Transit Railway earnings are growing satisfactorily. The gross earnings during the year up to September 25th, were \$2,750,736, as compared with \$2,426,176 for the same period of last year.

CAMERON & Co., general merchants of Finch, Ont., have assigned to J. C. Milligan, of Cornwall. A. P. Cameron, the virtual owner of the business, failed in 1898, and has since done business in the name of his sister Jane Cameron.

BRIGHTMAN & Co., tanners, Peterboro, Ont., have under construction a brick addition to their tannery, which when completed, will give them twice the space they now occupy, and enable them to employ more men than heretofore.

HON. J. OUIMET and others of Montreal, have formed a company to be known as La Societe Generale de Canada, with a capital of \$1,000,000, for the purpose of working, selling, dealing in mines and mining rights, smelting of minerals and manufacture of articles from the minerals, constructing mills and machinery. They will also hold and sell timber lands, and manufacture timber, sell wood pulp and articles manufactured from it, also navigate vessels in connection with the operation of their works.

FAILURES in the Province of Quebec have been few of late. Theriault & Theriault, of Griffins Cove, on the Gaspe Coast, who have only been in business since last spring in a small way, have assigned .- A. Lajoie, of St. Fulgence, on the north shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, who carried on a small store, with the assistance of his wife and daughter, also running a small sawmill and a trading schooner, is reported insolvent. The account has been always found a somewhat slow one .-Ludger Lacombe, general dealer, St. Victor de Tring, reported as assigned in a late number, is offering his creditors 50 cents cash.—H. Drouin, of Beauce Junction, another recent insolvent, is offering 35 per cent. on liabilities of about \$3,000.

Mr. George Johnson, the Dominion Statistician, has something to say with regard to the statement made by Mr. Thom, of the Liverpool Corn Exchange, to the effect that Canada's average export of wheat was only 6,000,000 bushels during the last six years, and that the British market the average export of Canadian wheat; fields. Mr. Johnson points out that the average export o Canadifan wheat and flour to Britain during the last six years has been 21,140,000 bushels, not 6,000,000. Canada produced in 1902 96,618,272 bushels. Of this 37,000,000 bushels were exported, 8,000,000 bushels were used for seed, and at six bushels per head, which is a high estimate, 32,-760,000 were used for home consumption, which would leave over 19,000,000 bushels fed to animals, etc., which might have been exported, if there had been sufficient inducement.

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