

Mercantile Summary.

THE Peninsular and Oriental steamship "China" has made the run from London to Adelaide in twenty-seven days.

NEW YORK city, for the week ending Nov. 23, exported \$10,041,468 worth of general merchandise, against \$7,477,068 the preceding week.

A CARGO shipment of flour, valued at \$72,000, for the old country, was sent out recently. It was exported by Messrs. Miller & Spink, of Toronto, which firm, we are told, is shipping about one thousand bags daily.

A COMPROMISE at 50 cents on the dollar is being arranged by J. P. Barnes, dry goods dealer, St. John, N.B., lately doing business as Barnes & Skinner. The Canadian creditors are understood to have signed the deed, and the consent of the European creditors is now being sought. The liabilities foot up abou \$15,000.

EX-MAYOR BORTHWICK, president, and Mr. L. L. Brophy, secretary, of the Retail Merchants' Association, ask the co-operation of the board of trade of Ottawa in securing the passage of an act to prevent auctioneers selling after hours, and that the sales of all goods and merchandise be placed upon the same basis. This was agreed to by the board.

THE dry goods firm of Hilton, Hughes & Company, which failed in 1893, (they were successors to A. T. Stewart & Co.), on Monday last notified its smaller creditors that their claims would be paid in full on presentation. The larger claims, it is said, have almost all been bought up by Judge Henry Hilton on a basis of 90 per cent. cash. The liabilities were \$2,200,000.

MANITOBA merchants and public men have another railway project in view. The Brandon Sun contains interviews with the local members of the Legislature, Messrs. Fraser and Adams, in regard to a railway from Gladstone to Brandon, thence south to Boissevain. Both speak favorably of the project. Mr. Adams says: "My idea would be to run a railway from the terminus of the Dauphin road to Brandon and then south, probably to Boissevain."

THE fire at Carberry, Manitoba, on Tuesday morning last was a serious one. Starting in the office of *The News* the flames swept the east side of Main street to Third avenue, then it crossed Main street and destroyed everything between Henderson's dry goods store and Third avenue. Ten or a dozen business places were burned or injured, and the loss is placed at somewhere near \$40,000. The Massey-Harris Co have \$4,000 insurance; Sylvester Bros., \$3,000; E. Morton, \$1,000; Kennedy, confectioner, \$1,100; H. Robertson, furniture, \$1,500; J. B. Henderson, \$2,500 smoke damage); Logan & Co., \$500.

A DEMAND of assignment has been made upon Trahan & McNulty, dry goods dealers, at St. Hyacinthe, Que. Mr. Trahan was formerly in business at Notre Dame de Stanbridge, unsuccessfully, and the present business was started two years ago. For the last six months, Mr. Trahan has been the only partner-- H Chene, general merchant, Cheneville, Que., has secured a compromise at 50 cents .--W Genereux, general store, Grand Piles, Que., and formerly at Radnor Forges, has assigned. The assignment is reported of N. Gelinas & Co., dry goods dealers, at Three Rivers, who arranged an extension last August, on liabilities of about \$6,000. Mr. Gelinas has been in about \$12,000, and saved nothing.

business here some time, but with only a limited measure of success. He failed in 1890, and has since been doing business under cover of his wife's name.—A voluntary assignment has been made by P. Gelinas, general dealer. St. Alexis des Monts, Que. He was formerly employed with the Laurie Spool Co., and began business a year ago last May.

IN 1897 Great Britain and Ireland produced 54,622,706 gallons of whiskey, over 5,000,000 gallons more than in the previous year. Of this 32,126,238 gallons were consumed in the United Kingdom, and 4,790,181 gallons exported. There are 193 distilleries at work in Scotland, twenty-nine in Ireland, nine in Engrland, and one in Wales.

At a recent meeting of the St. Johns, Qu^{c} , town council, the by-law granting Messrs. M. Lefebvre & Co. a bonus of \$22,500 was unanimously passed. For this sum the firm binds themselves to keep their vinegar and pickling factory in operation for at least ten years, and that their minimum pay list shall be \$30,000 annually. The guarantee for the faithful fulfillment of the contract is a first mortgage on a property, the valuation of which must be at least \$35,000. The by-law will be submitted to the ratepayers next week.

A STARTLING piece of news comes from Detroit to the effect that the building of the Detroit Chamber of Commerce has been sold under the hammer in default of payment of a first mortgage of \$430,000 and interest held by the New York Life Insurance Company. The structure is thirteen stories high and quite fully occupied by tenants, and was recently appraised by experts to be worth \$600,000. But it sold on Monday last for \$422,650 to Leopold S. Fecheimer, of Cincinnati, and William S. Winslow, and Francis A. Winslow, of Chicago. who, were the only bidders.

A NEW YORK exchange tells us that a woodworking trust has been organized at Williamsport, Pa., which will control most of the woodworking in the United States, and will be known as the American Wood Working Machinery Company. The capital is \$8,500,000. The firms that have pooled their interests are Goodell & Walters, of Philadelphia; Glencoe Machine Company, of Brooklyn; Hoyt Bro thers, of Aurora, Ill.; Globe Machine Company, of Chicago, and firms or companies in Cincinnati, Oshkosh, Wis.; Rochester, N.Y.; Norwich, Conn.; Green Bay, Wis.; Montgomery, Ala.; Williamsport and Lockhaven.

FROM Nova Scotia we hear of the following business casua ties : A grocer of Halifax, H.W. Ross, has assigned after three years' trial of business ness. His liabilities amount to about \$4,00, including preferences of \$1,426, \$130 and \$79. -Monaghan & Sutherland, a firm of building contractors at Halifax, have also assigned making preferences of \$900. — Louis Komien sky, a peddler, who established his headquar ters at Digby several years ago, has come before his creditors with an offer of compromise at 40 cents on the dollar, which does not _Tbe seem to impress them very favorably. insolvency of D. J. Morse, a trader, of Bridge town, is also announced.—A grocer in a moderate way of business at Annapolis, Robert Malcolm Malcolm, who has been lately in weak shape, and under bill of sale, has made an assignment. ment. — J. T. Chisholm, dry goods merchant, of Window of Windsor, another of the victims of the late fire in that town, is seeking a compromise and offering 40 cents and offering 40 cents on the dollar. He had a stock of some \$10,000 of some \$18,000 to \$20,000, with insurance of