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THE warehouse and stable of A. H. Patterson, hardware merchant, Chatham, Ont. have been burned down. Loss on stock about \$6,000, partially covered by insurance.

THE Canadian Northern elevators at Port Arthur are now completed, the machinery having been set in motion for the first time last week. They are built entirely of steel and cement, and their total capacity is 3,500,000 bushels.

THE Payne Consolidated Mining Company, Limited, held their annual meeting in Montreal a few days ago. The shareholders decided to issue at once \$90,000 worth of bonds for further development purposes, and to pay off part of the indebtedness.

A FARMER of St. Guillaume d' Upton, Que., named O. Labranche, who has also been doing business in lumber, has been asked to assign.—Joseph Labelle, baker at Iberville, has assigned. His liabilities are small, and mostly local.—Bigonnesse, & Seguin, composed of Mrs. (Dr.) J. A. Bigonnesse and J. O. Seguin, carrying on a store business at Labelle, Que., since the fall of 1902, have turned over their estate to the assignee.

Mercantile Summary.

A. T. TARDIF, of Ottawa, quite a beginner in the grocery line, has become involved. A chattel mortgage on his stock has been foreclosed, and he has had to assign.

THE Cunard Steamship Company have placed contracts in Clydebank and Newcastle-on-Tyne for two turbine steamers with a speed of 24½ knots per hour and 760 feet in length.

It is stated that the old glass factory on Macauley street in Hamilton is to be torn down; and that the Diamond Glass Co. and the Mansfield Glass Co. will erect a modern building with up-to-date machinery, in place of it.

VICTORIA and Nelson (B.C.) capitalists are organizing a company with a capital of \$250,000, under the name of the Flathead Valley Oil and Development Co., to develop between 5,000 and 10,000 acres of oil land in the Flathead Creek district.

HILDEGE or Ildaige Rondeau, of St. Norbert, Que., doing business in a small way as a grocer and butcher, has assigned. His habits are reported to have been such as to call forth some criticism, and during the past few months several judgments have been recorded against him.

In the fall of 1902, F. Gareau, who had formerly been clerk, began storekeeping at Rigaud, Que. He apparently has worked hard, going out peddling through the country himself, while his wife looked after the store, but he has not made a success of it, having had to assign, and he now proposes a 35 per cent. settlement.

THE strike of the masters and pilots on the Great Lakes, which has tied up traffic almost completely for six weeks, has now been declared off, the masters having agreed to accept the wages offered by the Lake Carriers' Association. Thus ends one of the most costly strikes, from the point of loss of wages of the men, earnings of capital of employers, and general trade of the country, in recent years.

A MOST regrettable accident occurred near Sorel on Sunday last to the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company's boat "Canada" while on her way from Quebec to Montreal. She was collided with in the early morning by the Dominion coal steamer "Cape Breton," of Sydney, C.B. A large hole was stove in the starboard side of the "Canada," and she sank within a few minutes in about forty feet of water. H. Bannette, the purser; Alfred Thibeault, chief clerk of the freight department of the R. and O. line at Quebec, and three other people lost their lives, the rest of the crew and passengers being picked up by nearby vessels and barges. The "Canada" was valued at \$190,000, and was not insured except against fire. The directors think it will cost \$80,000 to raise her.

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