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Mercantile Summary,

THE Vancouver World says that the sugar refinery is now running to its utmost capacity.

Washington Post: Assignment is the moral anæsthetic that relieves a man from payin'. Beg pardon! The legal anæsthetic, not the moral.

THE Cowansville Electric Light Co. has decided to go into liquidation voluntarily, and Chas. S. Cotton, sheriff of the district, has been named liquidator.

"THE finest sight in town" was the way in which the country agent of a city loan company described the situation of a certain hotel property in his application for a loan.

Immense quantities of wool were brought into London (Ont) on Saturday, and the Spectator says that the same day in Hamilton witnessed one of the largest wool markets ever held

THE Vancouver World of the 6th inst. is the authority for the statement that the Duns. muirs are having some trouble in disposing of their coal in San Francisco, the Federated Trades boycotting all who use Wellington

An English statistician estimates the world's indebtedness at \$150,000,000,000. Included in this, no doubt, is the living that the world owes to a great many persons we know of. But the world says to such: "Fi'e your claim, endorsed by Hardwork, and I'll likely pay it."

E. W. Tobin, who has been keeping the principal store at Brompton Falls, Que., has been obliged to assign. He has been in a hardup condition for several years, through extensive crediting to weak customers, and some unfavorable lumbering operations, but has managed to pull through with indulgence from creditors until now. A meeting is called for the 23rd inst., at Sherbrooke, to consider his

"I was well-I would be better-I am here." Our readers will remember the epitaph. Something of a less grave but still sober character might be said by a trader named Zoel Descot. eau, of Ripon, Que., who is still in life. The aforesaid Zoel has been doing a small local tanning business for the last ten or twelve years, and made a living. He undertook to branch out into storekeeping last year, thinking it a promising business, with the result that he is now in the hands of the assignee.