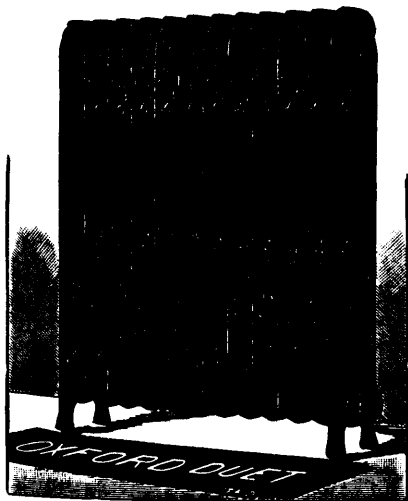


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Mercantile Summary.

WE note the incorporation under Ontario charter of the Ottawa Fruit Auction Company, Limited, capital \$15,000, and the Port Stanley Elevator Co., Limited.

J. GEORGE BROWN, for many years manager of the Thedford branch of A. Beattie & Co., St. Mary's, has purchased the business of D. McDonald at Arkona, and is now refitting and furnishing each department.

MOSES WETSTEIN, the Montreal manufacturer whose failure was mentioned in last issue, has since been arrested at the instance of a Baltimore firm, charged with concealing goods to defraud creditors. He was bailed out, to be tried this week.

THE dissolution is announced of the firm of Park & Borrowman, lumber dealers and builders for a quarter of a century or more at Amherstburg. Mr. Wm. Borrowman leaves the firm, and Mr. John R. Park continues the business.

MR. H. A. WALKER, long mechanical superintendent for Hiram Walker & Sons, Limited at Walkerville, has given up that position and removes to Bothwell, as a member of the Essex and Bothwell Gas and Oil Company, of which Hiram Walker is a principal shareholder.

AN assignment has been made by Mrs. B. Spanner, who succeeded her husband as a jeweler in this city after he had failed about six years ago. Evidently his management of her affairs has been no better than of his own. Assets and liabilities nominally equal at \$5,000.

IN June, 1895, D. G. Stewart & Co. succeeded J. J. Johnston as general storekeepers at La-combe, N.W.T. The purchase amounted to \$3,000. For this sum two notes for four and six months were given. These were endorsed by his friend, W. C. Wells, to whom he now assigns.

THE sheriff is in possession of the millinery premises, at Blenheim, of Mrs. John Ward, who appears to have had but little if any better success than she had in Chatham, where she failed in 1889. Her assignment is announced.—C. W. Stewart, tobacconist, Windsor, whose effects have been chattel mortgaged for some time, is reported as having left the country.—J. C. Clark, blacksmith, Owen Sound, has assigned.

A SPECIAL customs officer is on watch at Montreal to prevent the export of "filled cheese" coming to that port from the States for dispatch across the Atlantic.

SEVERAL charters of vessels have already been made to load timber and lumber when navigation opens next spring at Georgian Bay and Lake Superior ports to Kingston.

THE Controller of Customs at Ottawa has done away with the charge, usual since Confederation, of five cents for each set of blank forms. Customs officers may hereafter supply forms to importers free as required for use in making an entry report or application.

THE firm of J. C. McKeggie & Co., who have been in the private banking business some eighteen years at Barrie and Stayner, are about fitting up new offices at Stayner, immediately opposite to their present premises. Mr. J. A. Cameron, the manager, intends to have them convenient and modern.

THERE is a good demand for lumber at Wiarton, says our correspondent. Messrs. Seaman & Newman, Jones Bros., Sieman & Bro., and others, were well employed last week filling orders. There is also a good demand for flour, and Mr. Jas. Hunter's mill is running full time, with all the orders it can fill.

AN admirable colored map, three feet by two, of the Eastern Townships of the Province of Quebec and the region about Quebec city, has been issued at \$1.50 by Messrs. E. R. Smith & Son, publishers of the *News*, St. John's, Que. It shows with great distinctness not only the cities, towns and villages, but county, township and parish subdivisions, the railways, highways, concessions, lakes, rivers, etc., carefully corrected up to date. It must prove a great convenience to commercial travelers, to bicyclists and to students in schools.

BURGLARIES are being just now reported with uncomfortable frequency, and it will be well for householders as well as merchants to take precautions against such visits. We hear of burglaries within the week in Montreal, Huntingdon and Three Rivers in the lower province, Windsor, Kingston and Toronto in the upper. A very daring case is that of the blowing open of the safe of Toronto University, on Saturday night last, and the abstraction of \$1,500 in cash and as much more in bank cheques. Whoever planned the robbery must have known that Saturday is the only time that the Bursar leaves much money in the safe; on other afternoons he banks it all.

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