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Mercantile Summary.

We hear of a shipment of butter from Toronto to British Columbia this week, consisting of 200 tubs, good dairy.

We learn that M. Frs. Gendron, of Ste. Anne Lapocatiere, has purchased the cheese factory established three years ago at Ste. Louise by Dr. Dionne. This makes three such factories owned by Mr. Gendron, the others being at Ste. Anne and St. Roch.

A GENERAL merchant, in a small way, at Bennington, Ont., P. W. Murray has assigned to Mr. Robt. Murray, Embro, for the benefit of his creditors. Liabilities about \$2,500—estate will probably pay 20c. on the dollar. Of late he is said to have neglected his business.

NEARLY every one wants to give a Christmas present to some relative or friend. Let us suggest that they set out before Christmas eve to do their buying, if they need to make purchases. It is hard on the buyer, in a city or town, to be compelled to elbow his way through crowded streets and shops on the "night before Xmas" to make his selection. It is even harder on the clerks, harassed and wearied as they are during long hours. Both parties being worried, the shopper, thoroughly worn out by the rush and the crowds in the streets of the last few days before Christmas, is often glad to buy anything, no matter how inappropriate, so that the duty is done. On the other hand, an exchange puts it: "a little forethought and time spent in season in the choice of gifts would ensure the selection of suitable presents, and thus add greatly to the pleasure of the receivers."

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ABOUT 430,000 bushels of wheat have been delivered in Brandon this year, and at Portage la Prairie, say 400,000 bushels.

THOS. HOLAHAN, general dealer, at Embro, effected, last week, a compromise with his creditors at forty cents in the dollar on liabilities of some \$2,000. Surely it is folly on the part of wholesale houses to give free credit to such a man as this, for he now boasts openly that he is in a better position than ever.

In spite of the loss sustained by P. Valliere in the recent burning of his furniture factory in Quebec, we are told by the *Chronicle* that he has not discharged a single one of his employees, having found room and employment for all in his other buildings, pending the completion of his new factory.

"OUR business has increased very much, so much that we have to move into new premises fully twice as large as those we now occupy, although we have already had to double the size of the premises we started in five years ago." Such is the experience of Norton and Fennell, hardware merchants, Charlottetown.

In Chatham, Ont., George McNaughton has been in business as a grocer for about four years. He now asks creditors to accept one-half the amount of their claims, as a compromise, and tells them that if they do not accede to his wishes they needn't expect to make 50 per cent. out of the estate. Another retail grocery concern in difficulty is that which was R. W. Boyd and Co., Parkdale. Since a dissolution in November the business has been carried on

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by Adam Wilson, who now assigns, owing \$2,000 and showing \$1,200 assets. An Exeter grocer named John Kemp has been in business a number of years. He was part of the time in Hamilton, but was unsuccessful there, and returned to Exeter. He now assigns. A London grocer, F. J. O'Hara, has made an assignment, and his creditors will assemble next week.

"Taking into consideration the continued drought of last summer," writes Mr. E. J. Cassell, of Bancroft, "and the light crops, business may be said to have been fair. Farmers are now realizing good prices, wages are good, and were it not for the general cheapness of credit, the prospects for winter and spring trade would be much brighter. Collections are rather slow."

THE conclusion is reached by the *Journal of Fabrics* that the present mode of doing business by sending salesmen out through the country with samples, is not unlike the old New-England system of sending peddlers out to travel with wagons loaded with goods, to various parts of the South and West. The difference is that salesmen now carry samples instead of goods, and the expenses are far out of proportion to those of the old method.

A bailiff is in possession of the premises of A. Milligan, cigar dealer, Toronto, and we are told that creditors' dividend will be very small.

—Mrs. S. J. Melville, whose husband made a very disappointing failure as a furrier, three years ago, has been carrying on the business but with poor success. She now assigns.

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