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**Mercantile Summary.**

J. W. BERNIER, who went from Riviere du Loup en bas, two years ago, and started a small liquor jobbing business at Campbellton, N.B., is reported an absentee, and is estimated to owe \$1,100, with very trifling assets.

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THE annual meeting of the Edwardsburg Starch Co. has been held. Mr. G. F. Benson, the president, occupied the chair. The following were elected officers: President, Mr. G. F. Benson; vice-president, Mr. Wm Strachan; directors, Messrs. C. R. Hosmer, Robert Mackay, Angus Hooper, Robert Cunningham, and Dr. J. D. Reid, M.P.

THE firm of Lapointe & Co., general store, The Brook, Russell County, Ont., are asking creditors to accept 40 per cent. of their claims. J. E. Lapointe, whose wife is the nominal owner of the business, formerly manufactured washing powder in a limited way at South Indian, and afterwards at Casselman, and the present business dates from the spring of 1897.

Two failures are reported from Quebec in the retail grocery trade. Leon Rondeau, who has done business for some twenty years past in St. Sauveur suburbs, largely with a country connection, has now become embarrassed, and A. Parent, who bought the bankrupt stock of Falardeau & Croteau, in the fall of 1896, has assigned after having been sued several times.

THE Quebec Bank has issued new bills of the denominations of \$5 up to \$100. The \$5 note bears a fine view of the promontory of Quebec, as seen from Levis. The \$10 bill gives an internal view of the Ancient Capital from the Louise Basin. The \$20 bill bears a view of the Montmorency Falls and of old Prescott Gate, while the \$50 bill shows the new Kent Gate, and the \$100 bill old Hope Gate.

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