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Mercantile Summary.

We learn that it has been finally settled to rebuild the McLaren lumber mills at Ottawa, which were recently destroyed by fire.

ONE D. Collins, who has been manufacturing scales in Montreal in a moderate way for the last fifteen years, has had to assign. Liabilities \$4,080.

It is said that the Furness boats in the three last trips took from Halifax 24,000 barrels of apples, which were sold in the English market for \$8 per barrel, or \$192,000.

SOAP of very good quality is now reported as being manufactured from corn. Experiments have shown that a bushel of corn will make 200 pounds of soap. Verily this is an age of surprises!

ONE is not surprised to learn of the failure of Robert Mullin, who did a small grocery trade at Glen Williams. He was fresh from the farm when started a year ago.—Another small failure is that of Geo. Guertin, a jobber at Petawawa.

At the annual meeting of the New Westminster, B.C., Board of Trade, held on the 24th Feb., the following officers for the current year were elected: President, T. J. Trapp; vice-president, William Wolfenden; secretary-treasurer, D. Robson.

Geo. GUAY, originally a commercial traveler for a Quebec house, began storekeeping in Yamachiche about four years ago, but failed in 1889. Since then he has been doing business under the style of Guay & Co., using his wife's name, and has again come to grief. Present liabilities are small.

THE general stock of E. Pedler, Gravenhurst, amounting to \$6,600, has been sold to Danford Roche & Co., of Newmarket, who moved it to that town.—The stock of Jas. Calhoun, general dealer, Dundalk, amounting to \$6,607, is advertised for sale on 11th March by the assignee, F. H. Lamb, of Hamilton. Mr. Calhoun failed to increase his compromise offer to 60c., as required by creditors.

A TRAVELLER among the Turcomans of Central Asia relates that, being called upon to write notes to be passed between certain merchants and cattle dealers, he was surprised to find that the debtor, instead of handing over his signature to his creditor, put it into his own pocket. When he questioned the creditor as to this remarkable manner of procedure, his answer was: "What have I to do with the writing? The debtor must keep it by him as a reminder of his debt."