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#### Mercantile Summary.

WE hear of the sudden death, in Paris last week, of M. Menier, who has done so much toward the improvement of the Island of Anticosti in the St. Lawrence.

Two years has sufficed to prove to Fred. A. Kells that he cannot make a fortune by keeping a shoe store in Ottawa. He opened in March, 1896, prior to which he was a clerk, and was assisted to start by his father. But he did only a moderate trade; competition was too strong and expense too heavy. He has assigned, owing \$3,200.

A COMPANY has been chartered in Toronto to buy the business of Lever Bros., English soap makers, and to erect factories, etc., to make soap, candles and the by-products thereof. The name to be Lever Bros., Limited; share capital, \$1,000,000, one-half of which to be preference stock; the head office of the company to be at Toronto, and the provisional directors to be Alfred Robinson, John Mackay, and Zebulun Aiton Lash.

ANOTHER province of Quebec failure is that of J. & P. Nadeau, lumberers and storekeepers. of Grand Cascapedia, who have been in business since December, 1893. What crippled them was a heavy loss through a fire which destroyed their mill, store and other property, causing them, as they claim, a loss of \$17,000, and are now offering 50 cents on the dollar, in quarterly payments, spread over fifteen months without interest. The assets are about \$15,000, while liabilities foot up to \$24,000 or thereabout.

An offer of twenty-five cents in the dollar has been made by R. Robertson, of Burnstown, near Renfrew, Ontario. He has been nearly twenty years in business as a general merchant, and was supposed to have a fair capital, but his affairs were somewhat widespread.—A grocer and hardware dealer, named John Stevens, at Toledo, in the Ontario county of Leeds, makes an assignment after a mercantile career of some six months. He owes \$1,900, and shows assets of \$1,600. He is good enough to make an offer of 22 cents in the dollar, which we hope his creditors won't accept.



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