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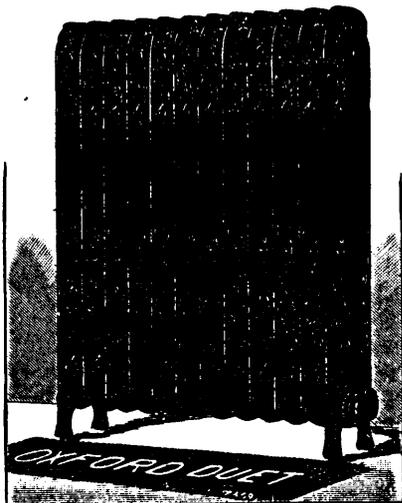
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Mercantile Summary.

THE *Montreal Gazette* says that a high official of the company denies that the Dominion Cotton Mills Company intends "going into the retail trade. . . . The company will confine itself to the wholesale business only."

A MICHIGAN bank failure was announced on Saturday last. The First National Bank of Benton Harbor did not open for business that day. About \$90,000 is due depositors, and it generally believed that 75 per cent. will be about as much as can be realized.

THE sturgeon fishing in British Columbia has been very good in the river for the past few weeks, and some of the nets have had big hauls. The average size of those taken also continues very satisfactory, and nearly every day several weighing 600 to 700 lbs. each are brought to dealers.

THE *Victoria Times* says that Victoria, B.C., is certainly one of the great shipping ports in Canada. "During the month of August, no less than 105 steam vessels, principally ocean and large coast-going craft, docked at the outer wharf, to say nothing of the large number coming to inner docks."

THE Rossland Board of Trade has been re-organized. Arrangements are being made by which the board will take an active part in advancing the interests of Rossland and the surrounding districts. There is said to be a revival of business there. Preparations are being made for resumption of work on a large number of properties. The output of ore is already increasing.

THE representative of an English refining company is in Montreal with a view of building for his company a full and complete refinery for the purpose of treating linseed oils by their process. It is said that 84 per cent. of the total cost of imported English and 75 per cent. of American oils consumed in Canada is sent out of the country. This company, it is said, has refineries at Buffalo, N.Y.; Chicago, Ill.; London, Eng.

A NEW manager has been appointed by the Dominion Cotton Mills Company, Mr. James Jackson, who has been its manager for some years, having resigned. His place has been filled by the appointment of Mr. C. R. Whitehead. Mr. Whitehead has been manager of the Montmorency Cotton Mills. The mills in future are to be under the joint management of Mr. Whitehead and Mr. Leslie Craig, the latter gentleman looking after the office, the manufacturing being attended to by the new manager.

CUSTOMS collections at Nelson, Kaslo, Rossland, Trail, Nakusp and Waneta, a group of British Columbia mining towns in Kootenay and Slocan, amounted for August to about \$31,000. The figures are: Nelson, \$10,086; Kaslo, \$6,684; Rossland, \$6,339; Trail, \$3,298; Nakusp, \$3,116; Waneta, \$1,450. Exports for the month were as follows: The mine, \$675,189, including 4,353 tons of ore and 717 tons of matte; the forest, \$2,066; animals, \$493; manufactures, \$5,796; total, \$683,544.

IN the August letter of our Australian correspondent, which left Sydney Aug. 16th and reached Vancouver Sept. 11th, is a passage which we commend to the notice of Canadian shippers of dairy produce. Describing the steamer "Warrimoo" and her cargo on the last trip from Vancouver to Sydney, he says: "In the cargo of the 'Warrimoo' was a shipment of butter from the State of New York. Part of it was creamery and part factory. It was shipped in refrigerator cars by C.P.R.,

transferred at night to the cool chambers of the ship, and came over in first-class condition. The creamery is pronounced to be good, the factory not quite up to expectations. It is selling at from 20 to 25 cents per pound to the trade, which is about four cents below local make. The importers expect to do fairly well out of it. Where is Canada in this business?"

THOS. W. COLE succeeded Cole & Cook in October, 1894, in the painting and wall-paper business in Stratford. Mr. Cole proved to be easy going, and has never pushed his business. He has besides almost always been slow pay. This week he makes an assignment.

THERE are two assignments of traders at Niagara Falls. One of these is made by John E. Alford, retail grocer, who has been in business a little more than one year. The other is that of W. H. Behrens, who has kept the cosy Rosli House since 1894, but was not able to save money. — An offer of compromise has been made by W. E. Sittlington & Co., dry goods dealers at Sarnia. Mr. S. is the sole owner, and succeeded Kirby Bros. early in 1895. He owes about \$16,000 and has a stock of \$12,000. — Geo. Gregory, sr., sawmill owner, Midland, has assigned.

THE value of assessed property in the British Columbia town of Rossland is placed by the assessor at a million and a half dollars (\$1,503,561). It is thus divided:

ORIGINAL TOWNSITE.	
Value of land.....	\$697,867
Value of improvements ..	320,750
RAILROAD ADDITION.	
Value of land.....	\$316,321
Value of improvements....	118,623
Total, lands	\$1,014,188
Total, improvements	439,373
Mines (estimated).....	50,000
	\$1,503,561

CORK-CUTTING is one of the few of Spain's industries that apparently remains unaffected by wars, revolutions, Carlist plots, and feeble finances. "The largest output is from the province of Gerona, along the upper borders of which the Pyrenees range. The factories in this district alone employ 10,000 persons, one in Palamos having over 500 employees. But this establishment is overshadowed by a house in Cadiz, which handles cork from tree to consumer, and employes a total of 2,000 people. This firm is also engaged in the trade on the northern coast of Africa in the neighborhood of the Strait of Gibraltar. The value of the Spanish cork trade is upward of \$10,000,000 a year."

ACCORDING to a recent letter from Woodstock, the Anderson Furniture Company of that place, which makes a great variety of furniture, is actively busy. We understand that considerable quantities of their furniture find a market in Great Britain, and that they ship likewise to Australia, New Zealand and South America. With respect to the company's trade with the antipodes, the general manager informs our correspondent, that the trade with the colonies is highly satisfactory. Among other items respecting manufactures sent us from Woodstock, we learn that the Karn Organ and Piano Co., which lately bought out Warren & Son, of Toronto, and employs 250 hands, is building an addition 50 by 70 feet to their already large factory, and adding convenient offices. Another actively employed factory is that of the Bain Wagon Manufacturing Co., to which new departments and offices have been added. The firm of Hay & Co., have built a large brick building on the Norwich Road, and are employing about 100 hands in making high-class furniture.