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## Mercantile Summary.

WM. CHASSELS, in a small tailoring way, at Mallorytown, Ont., has assigned, and his estate is to be wound up. Liabilities are reported at \$1,436.

THE municipality of Miniota, Manitoba, is about to erect a new bridge across the Assiniboine. It is to consist of two 80-ft. spans, and to cost about \$3,000.

THE survey of the new Canadian Pacific Railway branch, to Lake Minnetakie, in the Rainy River District, has been completed, and construction work will shortly begin.

THE Winnipeg school board has accepted the offer of the Canadian Bank of Commerce to purchase at par \$50,000 worth of 4 per cent. bonds, issued in July last, with accrued interest to date of transfer.

THE assignment is reported of J. E. Alexander, dealing in general merchandise and fish at Port Daniel, Que., on the Bonaventure Coast, at the mouth of Baie Chaleur. He was until about eighteen months ago associated with his brother, F. J. K. Alexander, of Little River East, also just failed, under the style of Alexander Bros., having stores at each of the above points, which they assumed individually upon dissolution.

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THE following is a record of patents recently granted to Canadian inventors in Canada and the United States: Canadian Patents—J. Bevey and T. Sadler, marine engine governors; W. Beaton, tally sheets; T. H. Duncombe, acetylene gas generators; W. S. Quigly, pastry cutters; E. Bowman, rubber articles of footwear; H. J. Squire, filters; F. Paul, Jr., and A. F. Gunlack, carbureters; P. J. M. Waslying, safety envelopes; E. Graham and L. Graham, rotary engines; W. Northgraves, display stands; A. Ericson, axes; B. C. Riblet, automatic bucket loaders for wire rope tramways; B. C. Riblet, automatic dumping buckets for wire rope tramways; B. C. Riblet, bucket clips for wire rope tramways; H. A. Fresch, cobalt and process of producing same; H. A. Fresch, process of producing caustic alkali; H. Hardcastle and M. A. Halliday, mowing machines. United States Patents—F. G. Bullock and T. Harford, cot; T. A. Cameron and P. D. Beygrau, water closet attachment; J. W. Carswell and S. Trotter, apparatus for drying peat; Charles Desjardins, grain drill; George and R. Kennedy, perforator for printing presses; George Fenson, flour-belting machine; George J. Kelly, game; Enoch Normancut, shoe-sewing machine.

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