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## Mercantile Summary.

THE town of Goderich have awarded the Rogers Electrical Company, London, the contract for the installation of five hundred incandescent lights.

ON September 14th fire broke out in the Berwick Foundry, Berwick, N.S., and destroyed the foundry proper, the foundry store, Bertaux's blacksmith shop, the carpenter shop of Peter Middlemas, and the Register printing office. The total loss is about \$8,000; insurance, \$2,000.

AT a recent meeting of the St. Andrews, N.S., Board of Trade, it was deemed undesirable at the present time to affiliate with the Maritime Board Angus Kennedy was appointed a committee to correspond with certain stone manufacturers, with a view to having them locate in the town.

THE annual meeting of the shareholders of the Ottawa Transfer Co. (Ltd.) was held on the 10th inst. Mr. F. X. St. Jacques presided over the meeting, at which a very satisfactory report was presented. The old Board of Directors was re-elected. They are: F. X. St. Jacques, David Taylor, J. E. Walsh, J. E. Parker and J. W. Smith. At a subsequent meeting of the directors Mr. F. X. St. Jacques was re-elected president, and Mr. J. W. Smith, secretary-treasurer.

NORRIS & Co., a fancy goods and millinery concern in Montreal, have assigned. The firm was composed of two sisters, one of whom mysteriously disappeared two years ago, and was some time after found dead in the city environs. Since then the business has declined. The liabilities are about \$8,000.—Miss Matley, another milliner of the same city, has also assigned, owing \$2,000.—Michel Leger and J. B. Chenevert & Co., both saloon-keeping concerns, have been asked to assign.

THE organization of the Lanark Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. has been under way for some time, but is now completed. The following were elected directors: Wm. Lees, Fallbrooke; Jas. Shaw, Drummond; Samuel Wilson, Harper; Robt. Richards, Prestonvale; Thos. Scott, Allan's Mills; Cyrus Davis, Perth; Isaac Korry, Maberly; John Somerville, Middleville; and David McIntyre, Hall's Mills. Mr. H. R. Gray was appointed secretary *ad interim*. Perth was chosen as the company's head office.

AT a meeting of the members of the firm of E. D. Davison & Son, Limited, of Bridgewater, N.S., Francis Davison was chosen as president, made vacant by the death of the late Charles Henry Davison, and Archie F. Davison, secretary for the remainder of the present year.

SOME months ago we noted that Mr. John Gault, who has for eight years past filled the important position of assistant-manager of the Merchant's Bank of Canada, would be sent to New York, to take charge of the agency of the bank in that city. Last week he assumed the duties of the office. Mr. Gault entered the service of the Merchant's Bank twenty-five years ago, when it was under the direction of the late Mr. Jackson Rae. After service in several branches, he was appointed manager at Walkerton, Ont., being later promoted to the charge of the Hamilton branch. He was afterwards successively chief inspector, manager at Quebec, local manager at Montreal and assistant general manager. He was an active promoter of the movement for the establishment of the Montreal Clearing-House, and has been on the committee of management continuously since its establishment in 1899. Mr. Gault will carry with him the best wishes for success of his many friends in Canada.

## TRADE WITH AUSTRALIA.

In response to an enquiry in the House of Commons, Mr. Paterson informed Mr. Copp that the value of the goods imported into and exported from Canada from the Australian colonies for the years mentioned were as follows:

	Imports.	Exports.
1890.....	\$205,396	\$471,028
1891.....	169,065	582,377
1892.....	264,873	436,158
1893.....	217,817	284,926
1894.....	143,177	320,952
1895.....	113,342	414,924
1896.....	197,918	513,875

The subsidy paid by the Dominion towards steamship lines running between Canada and the Australian colonies was \$121,666 in each of the years 1894 and 1895. In 1896 the total was \$111,527, but the amount of the annual subsidy would not be earned until July, thus accounting for the apparent difference between the year just closed and the two previous years. Previous to '94 no subsidies were granted for steamship services on any of the Australian lines.



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