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Mercantile Summary.

A STEEL bridge 110 feet long is to be built
over Trout River, at Huntingdon, Que., re-
placing a wooden one. The contract has been
let.

MR. P. A. PRINCE, manager of the Bow River
Lumber Company, has taken up a good ranche
location on the Red Deer River, north of Medi-
cine Hat, which he will stock in the spring.

THE Messrs. Van Egmond, of the Seaforth
woolen mills, have dissolved partnership, and
Mr. W. D. Van Egmond will take over the
business, which he proposes to turn into a joint
stock company.

THE man who devotes a week to advertising,
and then rails at the returns, is like the boy
who studied law two days and then said: "The
law ain't what it's cracked up to be. I'm sorry
I learned it."

THERE is a prospect, says the *Sarnia Observer*
that the works of the oil refining company at
that place will be taken hold of by a powerful
concern and remodelled as well as extended.
We trust this may prove true.

R. B. NORTON & Co., a hardware concern at
Charlottetown, P.E.I., are reported as having
assigned, making preferences of \$11,000. They
were involved in 1894 through accommodation
paper, and arranged then at 50 cents.

THE new buildings erected in Montreal last
year numbered 349, and the value of these new
structures and of alterations to old ones totalled
\$1,883,750. St. Antoine ward showed the larg-
est aggregate, viz., \$475,000, and St. James,
\$415,000.

THE 80,000 feet of cedar shipped last month
from Vancouver to Seattle is to be sent to Japan
by the liner "Wakamoura Maru." It is an
experimental shipment, says the *World*, B.C.,
and consists of squared timber and single bolts.
If it is a success a big trade may be established.

THE *Petrolia Advertiser* says that Parkhill is
agitated over the prospect of finding oil close
by the town. Mr. James Beresford, a prospec-
tor, who has had experience in Petrolia and in
India, is superintending the work of prospecting
for a syndicate of London and other gentlemen.

R. STAPLES, of St. Mary's, N.B., in the dry
goods trade, is offering general creditors 50
cents on the dollar, cash. As he recently gave
a St. John, N.B., firm a bill of sale for \$3,600,
as well as a mortgage for \$3,900, there is prob-
ably no other recourse for them but to accept.

WINNIPEG has a Music Dealers' Association,
with a membership of nearly twenty. At the
annual meeting last week the following officers
were elected for this year: President, R. H.
Nunn; 1st vice-president, A. H. Mason; 2nd
vice-president, H. B. Marcy; secretary, J. J.
H. McLean; treasurer, Wm. Grundy.

WM. CONNERTY, for some fifteen years in
general business at Irish Creek, Ont., with a
hitherto good record, has got into deep water,
and creditors have granted him a settlement at
75 cents on the dollar. It is reported that some
were in favor of an easier settlement, but Mr.
C. thought he could pay 75 cents, and stuck to
his offer.

THE annual meeting of the Montreal Loan
and Mortgage Company was held in that city
last week, when a statement was submitted
that was considered quite satisfactory. Mr.
Richard Bolton, president; Hon. A. W. Ogil-
vie, vice-president; Messrs Charles Alexander,
F. Caverhill, W. E. Cheese, C. E. Gault, and
J. L. Morris, Q.C., directors, were the officers
elected.

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