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Mercantile Summary.

THE county of Simcoe offers four per cent. debentures to the extent of \$50,000. They are repayable in twenty years.

THE *Progres de l'Est* has been given the following estimate of the population of Sherbrooke: French, 6,552; Irish, 532; English, Scotch, and others, 3,292; total, 10,376.

A CONTRACT for building what is known as the Midland Railway of Nova Scotia has been awarded to William G. Ried, with whom Fitzpatrick Bros. will be associated. The road is to be completed by July, 1899. Its length, from Windsor to Truro, will be 60 miles, and it is to be equipped by the date named.

ONTARIO letters patent have been issued incorporating the following companies: The Dundalk Woolen Mills Company, Limited; capital \$20,000, in \$25 shares; the Essex Basket Company, Limited; capital \$25,000, in \$25 shares; the Windsor Brewing Company, Limited; capital \$20,000, in \$25 shares.

WILLIAM FITZRANDOLPH, of Lawrencetown, brought to Halifax last week about 700 raw furs, consisting principally of fox, minks, marten, wild cats, otter, raccoons and musk rats. The *Chronicle* says they were purchased for a Truro firm for \$400. Mr. Fitzrandolph has already disposed of about \$3,000 worth of raw furs this season.

ON Monday last there was a meeting of those interested in the defunct Midland Trust Company of Port Hope, among whom were many ladies. The decision was reached that there should be a meeting of the depositors. Therefore the depositors are notified to meet in Port Hope to-morrow afternoon, 19th February.

WHAT is known among the boys on the road as "A Circus" is expected to take place at the approaching meeting of the Commercial Travelers' Mutual Benefit Association, to-morrow night, at Shaftesbury Hall, at 8 p.m. What are described as matters of vital interest to the welfare of the association will come up for discussion on that occasion.

"HERE'S to Captain Kidd, as he sailed, as he sailed." It appears that the seekers for Captain Kidd's buried treasure in Mahone Bay, N.S., are not discouraged yet. The Oak Island diggers are sinking a new shaft. This makes eight pits and no treasure yet. Other people digging for Kidd's treasures in other places have been equally unsuccessful, but less persevering.

THE Annapolis Valley has a telephone company, which supplies 450 instruments to its patrons. The annual meeting of the Valley Telephone Company was held last week at Middleton, N.S., C. R. H. Starr in the chair. It appeared from the report that during the year ninety-four new instruments were put in, making a total of 450. A dividend of seven per cent. was declared. A. W. Savary, H. McLean, S. W. W. Pickup, W. H. Weather- spoon, C. R. H. Starr, Dr. J. A. Sponagle, A. E. Calkin, A. J. Morrison, and A. B. Gates were re-elected directors.

MESSRS. E. GOFF PENNY, Robert Archer, Wm. Strachan, Wm. Currie, and Robt. Law, give notice in the Quebec Official Gazette that they will apply for incorporation as the Jacques Cartier Pulp and Paper Company, with a capital stock of \$50,000. Messrs. Wm. Currie, F. P. Currie, M. S. Foley, J. T. Shearer, Robert Law, the Hon. Judge Alderic Ouimet, John Livingstone, and W. G. Reid, will also ask for incorporation under the name of the Dufferin Falls Lumber Pulp and Paper Co., Limited, of Montreal, with a capital stock of \$300,000.

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