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Mercantile Summary.

THE first card of the approaching holiday season comes to us from the Morris, Feild Rogers Company, of Listowel.

By supplementary letters patent the Toronto Shoe Company will increase its capital stock from \$100,000 to \$250,000, and the Northern Electric Co. from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

ONTARIO authority is secured for the increase of the Sarnia Salt Company's stock from \$20,000 to \$100,000; and the Hamilton Produce Company, limited, is incorporated with \$20,000 capital.

OTTAWA authority is sought to incorporate the Frontenac Milling Co., limited headquarters, Kingston; Moores, Campbell and Doble, applicants; the Fancy Goods Company of Canada, limited, to buy out the business of H. H. Fudger.

THOSE who are looking about for a neat calendar to hang in their own libraries or to send to a friend, should not overlook the calendar for 1899 of the Toronto Art League, published by Mr. Morang, and for sale at the book stores.

WE acknowledge a copy of the Philadelphia Record Almanac, which in addition to statistical information about Pennsylvania in particular and the States in general, contains records of the American Turf as well as cricket, baseball, football and aquatic records.

It is a number of weeks since the Wonderland Theatre, a structure being erected in Detroit, collapsed, and twelve lives of workmen were lost. Investigation by a coroner's jury results in a verdict to the effect that too heavy weight was placed upon the roof, and places the responsibility for the disaster upon the architects of the building.

W. PRESENT (Anglice Preshong, our correspondent says), a general dealer of L'Ardoise, Cape Breton, is reported assigned. He has been twenty years in business at this point, in a moderate way, without previous unfavorable feature.

R. F. Stephenson was formerly a master mariner, sailing a vessel for a Liverpool firm, and last spring engaged in a general business at Lockeport, N.S., on his moderate savings, estimated at about \$3,000. He now writes his creditors saying he has made a loss by fire, and asks them to accept 40 per cent. of their claims. —J. McLearn & Son, of Halifax, expressmen, and dealers in feed, are seeking a compromise arrangement at 75 cents on the dollar, in three payments spread over eighteen months.

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