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Mercantile Summary

A RECORD price was given this week for a seat on the Montreal Stock Exchange, when Mr. R. Forget, purchasing for another party whose name is not stated, gave \$16,500, or \$1,500 in excess of the prices obtained for the previous four seats.

A TWELVEMONTH ago, George G. Graham left Toronto and went to Galt, where he opened up a smallwares store. The creditors are now asked to accept 30 per cent. of their claims, which amount to \$5,600. To pay this Graham has nominal assets of \$3,300.—Another offer of compromise is that made by W. H. Roberts, jeweller, Stratford. At one time he did a good trade, but becoming somewhat irregular in his habits, his customers naturally drifted away from his premises.

A SPECIAL meeting of the creditors of Lindsay Bros., dry goods dealers, St. Thomas, will be held on Wednesday next in Toronto. It will be remembered that this firm assigned some weeks ago.

The stock of R. Wolfe & Co., furriers, in Toronto, amounting to \$6,209, was sold at auction on Wednesday to N. B. Gould, of Port Hope, for 30 cents on the dollar.

W. P. KINSELA, grocer, at Cornwall, Ont., is reported assigned. He was formerly a baker.—J. A. Brunet, general dealer, of Moose Creek, Ont., whose affairs were recently under investigation by a Montreal accountant, has assigned.

Nugent & Taylor, of Kingston, Ont., in the plumbing and tin business since 1885, are reported insolvent. They claimed a surplus of some \$10,000, two years ago.

PEOPLE in Bonaventure and Gaspe County are interested just now in an effort being made to extend the Atlantic and Lake Superior Railroad, now running between Metapedia and New Carlisle, as far as Paspebiac and Port Daniel. It is pointed out that there is nothing to prevent a steamer from making daily trips down the coast of Gaspe, there being not a sign of ice either in the Gulf or in the Baie de Chaleurs below Dalhousie. At Port Daniel a safe harbor is offered.

It is now stated that Dr. Seward Webb, representing the Vanderbilt interests, has secured an option on the Ottawa, Northern and Western Railway and the Interprovincial bridge which spans the river at Ottawa. The abovenamed bridge company, together with the Pontiac and Pacific Junction Railway, the Gatineau Valley Railway, and the Hull Electric Railway, were amalgamated, and were to be purchased by a company called the Ottawa and Northern Railroad, but the option apparently was not taken up, and was handed over to Dr. Webb, as above mentioned. The interests he represents, therefore, will, if the negotiations go through, be in possession of some additional very valuable franchises.

Debentures for Sale.

Sealed tenders marked on envelope "Tender for Debentures" will be received up to the tenth (10th) day of April, for the purchase of \$11,000.00 Debentures of the Town of Dauphin.

The Debentures shall be numbered one (1) to twenty (20) both inclusive, and shall each be for the sum of \$781.00 (\$500.00 principal and \$231.00 interest), the first Debenture falling due on the 15th day of March, 1903, and the last Debenture on the 15th day of March, 1922.

The said Debentures are under By-Law No. 82, of the Town of Dauphin, Manitoba, which said By-Law has been legalized by the Parliament of Manitoba.

WM. RINTOUL, Sec'y.-Treas. Town of Dauphin, Man.

Dated Mar. 14th., 1902.

MIDDLESEX
FOUR PER CENT. DEBENTURES

Sealed tenders endorsed "Tenders for Debentures," will be received at the office of the undersigned up to two o'clock p.m., on Saturday, March 22nd, 1902, for the purchase of \$20,000 County of Middlesex Consolidated Debt Debentures, bearing interest at Four per cent., payable semi-annually, on the 30th days of September and March, principal payable in gold on the 30th day of March, 1922.

Each tender must state a lump sum payable

Each tender must state a lump sum payable at par in London, Ontario, on March 31st, 1902, where and when the debentures will be delivered. The Corporation does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. Further particulars on application.

A. M. McEVOY,

County Buildings, London, Feb. 22, 1902.

Treasurer.

A NEW BUSINESS IN THE MARI-TIME PROVINCES.

Mr. H. Pollman Evans, 1st vice-president and general manager of the National Agency Company, Limited, has just returned from a trip through the Maritime Provinces, where he has been looking over the ground with the object of opening up the Provident Branch of the North American Life Assurance Company. While there he was instrumental in forming a local board of directors of the National Agency Company, from among the gentlemen most heavily interested financially in the agency, and the personnel secured must at once command the confidence alike of the shareholders and the public, and will tend generally to assist in the promotion of the company's business.

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The gentlemen selected for the board are: Mr. John F. Stairs, president of the Nova Scotia Steel Company, and also of the Eastern Trust Company, chairman; Mr. E. G. Smith, director of the Union Bank of Halifax; Mr. Alfred Putnam, vice-president of the Midland Railway Company; Dr. Matthew A. Curry, president of the Hattie & Mylius Company, Limited; Mr. J. J. Stewart, president of the People's Bank, and Mr. James E. De Wolf, of the Elder-Dempster Company.

It is understood that the National Agency Company will go into operation at once in the various centres of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The marked success of the company during its first six months of business just closed is distinctly encouraging, and the extension of the company's operations as proposed will still further enhance the value of this important enterprise to its shareholders.

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