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streams of the United States that many pulp mills, which ordinarily run only two or three months in the year owing to low water, have been able to keep going the greater part of the time. This has stocked the home market thoroughly and caused a large export business as well, which has cut into the trade of the Canadian exporting mills in Europe.—The Globe.

#### NORTHWEST TRADE.

Local wholesale men who have been doing business in Manitoba and the North-west since 1885 are greatly pleased with the improved prospects for the grain crops, as shown by the reports this week. The rains early in the week came at a moment when they were greatly needed, and have very much improved the prospects for those who are doing business with merchants in that part of the country. A 40,000,000 bushel wheat crop in Manitoba this year will be a great advantage to eastern firms. A leading Toronto house has stood by Manitoba merchants through seasons of bad crops and depression for sixteen years, and they are now reaping the advantage from the faith they manifested in that way in the great west. Whenever the crops warrant large purchases, as they did in 1899, and as is likely to be the case this year, the North-west travellers of this firm reap a big harvest of orders, and this house is able to steadily extend its business in that part of the country with no difficulty. A large wheat crop in Manitoba this season will mean much to eastern dry-goods firms, not only in the way of getting old scores straightened out, but in the increase of purchases for the current year.

#### THE MARCONI SYSTEM.

The Dominion Government has taken up and are considering the question of establishing the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy. Mr. A. Gobeil, Deputy Minister of Public Works, and Mr. D. H. Keeley, Superintendent of Government Telegraphs, recently made a thorough inspection of the Marconi system, as established on the Elder-Dempster steamship, Lake Champlain. So impressed were the officials with the practicability of the system that it was resolved to immediately order a pair of instruments, in order that they may be tested in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Two instruments were, therefore, cabled for, and, upon their receipt, the work of putting them to a practical test will be begun. One instrument will be placed at Belle Isle, while the other will be located on one of the Government ships. Montreal shipping men are of the opinion that, should the instruments realize all that is claimed for them, and there is every reason to think that they will, the dangers of the St. Lawrence route would be reduced at least 75 per cent.

Messrs. T. H. Churchill, Truro, N.S., and Fred Talbot, Sherbrooke, Que., intend establishing a furniture factory at Megantic, Que., under the name of Megantic Mfg. Co., with a capital stock of \$50,000.

## BUSINESS CHANGES.

FROM BRADSTREETS.

#### ONTARIO.

ACTON.—James Brown, sawmill, burnt out.  
 ALVINSTON.—Jaynes & Co., general store, sold to A. S. Harkness & Son.  
 BELLEVILLE.—Belleville Hardware Co., obtained charter.  
 BRECHIN.—Wm. Orr, general store, advertised business for sale.  
 CAMPBELLFORD.—Brown Bros. (W. G. H. Brown only)—tinware and fancy goods, meeting of creditors.  
 CRYSLER.—John B. Lafrance, general store, meeting of creditors.  
 CULLODEN.—H. A. Bigham, general store, offering to compromise.  
 GALETTA.—J. G. Whyte, flour mill, burnt out.  
 HARROW.—Joseph Morrison, harness, loss by fire.  
 HAMILTON.—John Calder & Co. (estate of)—w. clothing, sold to Coppley, Noyes & Randall.  
 Hollywood Paint Co., of Hamilton, obtained charter.  
 INGERSOLL.—John Morrow Machine Screw Co., obtained charter.  
 LISTOWEL.—Samuel Bricker (estate of)—hardware, stock advertised for sale.  
 LONDON.—Wilfred C. Schreiber, oil producer, assigned.  
 OTTAWA.—Capital Sand & Brick Co., obtained charter.  
 PERTH.—J. H. Charles Co., obtained charter.  
 PENETANGUISHE.—Thompson & Lahey, general store, stock advertised for sale.  
 RIDGETOWN.—John R. Owen, planing mill, advertised for sale.  
 STRATFORD.—A. Brandénburger, stoves and tinware, sold to J. Read & Co.  
 SARNIA.—Sarnia Bay Towing & Salvage Co., obtained charter.  
 TORONTO.—M. C. Pink & Co., junk, meeting of creditors held.  
 Consolidated Pulp & Paper Co., E. R. C. Clarkson appointed permanent liquidator.  
 Taylor Bros., mfrs. paper and brick, assigned.  
 Canadian Cereal Co., obtained charter.  
 John Dick, obtained charter.  
 F. T. James & Co., obtained charter.  
 Toronto Grain & Seed Cleaner & Grader Mfg. Co., sold out to the Ontario Wind Engine & Pump Co.  
 York Laundry Machinery & Supply Co., in liquidation.  
 WHITBY.—Gross & Granger, w. & r. hardware, etc., burnt out.

#### QUEBEC.

ARTHABASKAVILLE.—Arthabaskaville Shoe Co., obtained charter.  
 MAGOG.—American Clothing Hall, Moses Genser registered.  
 MONTREAL.—L. E. Morin, Jr. & Co., chemical products, registered.  
 Morton, Phillips & Co., mfg. stationers, registered.  
 Pineault & Chabot, mfrs. agents, registered.  
 Safety Portable & Adjustable Balcony, registered.  
 Terreault Steel & Malleable Iron Co., applied for charter.  
 Constantine & O'Brien, mfrs. shoe machinery, registered.  
 Timmis, Noble & Co., mfg. stationers, etc., registered.  
 Canada Linseed Oil Co., registered.  
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