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Mercantile Summary,

A great deal of matter is unavoidably crowded out this week.

Notice.—We have a few copies of the first volume of the JOURNAL OF COMMERCE, neatly bound, for sale, at \$2.50 each. The index printed in the present issue will be found convenient for reference. We can supply subscribers with next covers for the first volume, at one dollar each.

Fifty dollars will be paid by the Proprietors of this Journal for the best article on the Causes of the Depression affecting the Commercial and Manufacturing Interests of the Dominion, and having reference to the prospects for improvement. There must be at least ten competitors. Time given till 1st March.

The boot and shoe factory heretofore run by the McMartin-Hamel Co., at St. Hyacinthe, has resumed operations, having been acquired by purchase from creditors of the late concern by Messrs. G. Cheval, M.P. for county of Rouville. and Chas. St. Jacques, a well-to-do merchant of St. Denis.

The Second Annual Meeting of the Stadacona Fire and Life Insurance Company was held at Quebec on the 1st inst. We should have in this number given an analysis of the report as printed in our columns, did it not require at our hands more than a mere cursory review, and the time at which we received the report made it impossible to give it the attention it deserved. We therefore defer our resume of its contents until our next.

The large and constantly increasing business of the Royal Canadian Insurance Company devolves so much labor on the General Manager, that, to facilitate communication with the different departments and the numerous staff of office clerks, electric bells have been run from Mr. Perry's desk all over the establishment by means of which he can instantaneously and