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Mercantile Summary

THE general traffic manager of the Intercolonial Railway, Mr. E. Tiffin, is proud of a diploma received from the directors of the Dominion Industrial Exposition, Toronto, a diploma on which appear the following words: "Awarded to the Intercolonial Railway by the Jury of Awards for exhibit of pictures, etc." The series of pictures exhibited by the I.C.R. was a really worthy and striking one. The sight of them could not fail to impress upon the memories of thousands of Canadians the beauties and delights of our Maritime Provinces.

In the matter of the James Cooper Manufacturing Co., Limited, of Montreal, Mr. Geo. A. Savage has been appointed liquidator, and an order has been obtained from the court authorizing the continuance of the business for the present, there being a good deal of work in hand, the material for which would be comparatively valueless if work were suspended. As near as can be ascertained at present the trade liabilities of the house, loans, etc., amount to \$378,600, but it is expected there will be some further claims filed. The stock liability is \$198,000. According to the books the assets are approximated at \$562,882, made up mainly of premises and plant, etc., \$342,000; accounts and bills receivable, \$57,250; material, finished and in process, \$145,000. The property, plant, etc., is now being valued by experts. An Advisory Committee has been named to act with the liquidator, composed of Messrs. F. H. Mathewson, of the Bank of Commerce; A. C. Pratt, of the Molsons Bank; F. H. Hopkins, J. T. McCall, Geo. Boulter, H. J. Fuller and R. B. Common.

THE failure list among country traders in the Province of Quebec has of late been of limited proportions, and the volume of liabilities very light. For the past week only the few following small insolvencies are reported: Geo. Bourgue, a carriage maker by trade, selling groceries at retail since July, 1901, at Sainte Rosaire, and previously for a short time at St. Gregoire, has assigned, owing \$1,900.—F. A. Bedard, a shoemaker by trade at St. Ambroise de Lavette, has been attempting a small retail general business, which has not proved successful, and he is reported compromised at fifty cents on the dollar.—A voluntary assignment has been made by L. O. Couture & Co., general dealers, at St. Gedeon de Chicoutimi, Que. Couture had previously been unsuccessful in 1899, and subsequently associated his father-in-law, W. Ratte, a farmer, in partnership with him under the above style. Couture had also been a farmer previous to engaging in trade. Liabilities are shown at \$2,269, with nominal assets of \$1,360.—A demand in insolvency has been served upon Geo. Dechesne, a small storekeeper at Hunterstown, by a Three Rivers firm, and he has consented to assign.—M. E. Dunn, an agricultural implement dealer at Windsor Mills, already reported in trouble, has arranged to pay fifty cents on the dollar.

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