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Mercantile Summary.

BRANDON will have a horticultural show on the 23rd and 24th of August.

FARGO, North Dakota, will send 300 citizens on an excursion train to the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition, and each one proposes to carry a Union Jack.

FARNHAM appears to be a good town for the tramp to avoid. Five captured there are now serving time in Sweetsburg jail. Bravo, Farnham.

A GENERAL dealer at St. Joseph de la Beauce, Que., E. S. Larue, has assigned on the demand of a Quebec creditor. He started in 1895, buying the stock of his deceased employer, but had then very little means of his own.

EDWARD O'BRIEN, doing a general auction business at Montreal, under the style of the Edward O'Brien Co., has consented to assign, and liabilities are given at \$8,300. He has only been in business about two years.

Two small failures are reported from Ottawa; Alphonse Paquette, shoes, in business there some years, but whose stock has generally been covered by chattel mortgage. He has now assigned. —P. Racine, plumber, has also assigned, and is said to owe about \$1,500.

F. E. GRAFTON & SONS, an old-established book-selling firm in Montreal, who have also done something in publishing school books, have gradually been falling behind, financially, and some recent suits by English publishing houses and others have caused them to address a notice to their creditors, calling a meeting for the 29th inst.

THE Montreal banking firm of Wm. Weir & Sons, has assigned upon the demand of the liquidators of La Banque Ville Marie, and files a schedule of direct liabilities, aggregating \$52,156; indirect, \$2,015. Messrs. Somerville Weir and Godfrey Weir, members of the firm, have also assigned, individually, with personal liabilities of \$26,000, and \$7,325, respectively.

THE assignment is reported of Lacroix, Pichette & Co., retail dry goods merchants, Quebec. They were former employees in the largest dry goods establishment in that city, and began business in 1898, with quite a fair capital, but made the mistake of putting a great portion of their means into expensive store fittings, and soon showed signs of financial strain, which culminated in several recent suits. Now, at last, they have had to assign, owing some \$40,000, it is estimated.

A STEEL steamer named the "Sir William Siemens," arrived last week at Fort William, on Lake Superior, with the largest load of coal ever brought into the harbor, having on 5,556 tons, and drawing 17 feet of water. Prior to this the largest load of coal ever brought in was by the "Aurania," which carried 5,000 tons, brought from Cleveland, on Lake Erie. These figures give some idea of the capacity of present-day steamers on the Great Lakes.

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