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Mercantile Summary

THE Brantford Board of Trade are offering prizes for the best-kept boulevard and grounds in the city.

ALBERT W. WOODWARD, of the firm of Watt & Woodward, wholesale liquor dealers, London, committed suicide by hanging. during a fit of temporary insanity, on Saturday last.

A MILLION dollar fire in New York on Sunday destroyed the Mallory Steamship Line's pier, its contents, and several barges moored near by, also four barges filled with raw cotton.

THE Virden, Manitoba, Board of Trade has met and elected officers for the current year. They are: J. W. Higginbotham, president; R. E. Trumbull, vicepresident; George H. Healey, secretarytreasurer.

THE hardware store of E. & S. Pollard, at Petrolea, was broken into by thieves on the night of May 1st, and goods to the amount of \$500 taken. The gcods consisted of razors, silverware, jack-knives, etc.

FIRE in Rat Portage on the night of May 3rd destroyed J. Duncan's grocery and provision store; King's harness shop; the livery and sale stables of Delbridge Bros., also the West Side Restaurant, and Kelloff's & Virden's butcher shop. All the losers carried more or less insurance.

M. MARKSON, doing a small general business at Vankleek Hill, Ont., for a year or two, has assigned, and assets are advertised for sale. The liabilities are \$3,150, with assets estimated at \$1,700.— A. L. Van Allan, harness maker at Iroquois, Ont., offers his creditors 20 cents on liabilities of \$1,300.

THOMAS W. BURDON, carrying on a soap manufacturing business in Montreal, under the style of John Smardon & Co., has abandoned his estate, as the result of his arrest for forgery, at the instance of the Merchants' Bank, and pleading guilty, was summarily sentenced to two years' imprisonment. Liabilities are stated at 33.000.

BEGINNING with the "Sorrento," from the Mediterranean, on 17th April, and ending with the "Tor Head," and "Malin Head," from Belfast, on 6th May, there are some thirty vessels afloat for Montrcal. From Glasgow, four ships; from London, two; from Belfast, five; from Liverpool, three; from Hamburg, two; from Antwerp, three; Moville, Dublin, Cardiff, Shields, Messina, one each, and so on.





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