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Mercantile Summary.

THE Montreal Belt Line, the electric railway which runs from Maisonneuve to Longue Pointe, Point aux Trembles and Bout d'Isle, has secured the mail contract between these places.

THERE is a rumor in Quebec that certain American capitalists are proposing to buy the charter of the Quebec Electric Street Railway Company, in order to extend its line to Levis, when the long proposed bridge across the St. Lawrence River is built.

THE Queensland International Exhibition will be opened the fifth day of May, in the City of Brisbane, and continue for three months. Entries by Canadians must be made before the 15th inst. The minimum amount charged for space is £500.

THE Ottawa fur and hat firm of Mills Bros. had a meeting of their creditors in Montreal some days ago, and made an offer of 50 cents on the dollar which was not acceptable, but the creditors generally agreed to accept 60 cents on time, secured. The liabilities aggregate about \$8,000.

A LARGELY attended mass meeting of garment workers was held in the Ville Marie Hall, Montreal, last Saturday evening, for the purpose of hearing an address by Mr. Herman Robinson, treasurer of the general executive board of the United Garment Workers of America. In the course of his address, Mr. Robinson remarked that Montreal had been asleep, but it was intended to wake it up, for he believed that it was capable of having a good solid organization of clothing workers. He spoke of the horrors of the sweating system in New York, and the difficulty there was in dealing with it, and then went on to say that 141 unions had been established within five years, and the organization was still progressing rapidly. They wanted the shops closed an hour earlier, and the employees to have half a day off in the middle of the week.

THE town treasurer of Collingwood is advertising for tenders for \$15,000 local improvement debentures.

AFTER being in business less than two months, owing to illness, Luther Pedlar, grocer here, has assigned, with liabilities of \$700 and assets of \$1,200.

P. J. HARRINGTON, of Killaloe, Ont., in business in a small general store, only since April of last year, has made an assignment. A lack of steadiness is reported as to some extent accountable for his non-success.

THE work of enlarging the Union Bank building, Quebec, has commenced. Men are now engaged in demolishing the upper story of the building and large piles of brick and stone have been drawn ready for use.

MR. E. P. WINSLOW, manager of the Bank of Montreal, Almonte, has been promoted to the position of manager at Stratford, vacant through the death of Mr. Plummer. His successor there will be Mr. H. Dupuy, at present accountant in the Kingston branch.

THE stock of Messrs. Behan Bros., dry goods dealers, Quebec, who have gone out of business, and which is valued at some \$18,000, was sold yesterday to Mr. T. Beland, at 36 per cent. As the store is to be occupied by Alderman Cote, the stock will be removed at once.

A PRESS telegram from St. Johns, N.F., says that the steamers "Newfoundland," with 15,000 seals, and the "Nimrod," with 13,000, arrived yesterday. Their reports practically confirm former statements, showing that two-thirds of the entire fishing fleet is without seals.

A CHANGE has taken place in the old legal firm of Messrs. Beaty, Hamilton & Snow, in this city, by the retirement of Mr. Hamilton. A new firm composed of Messrs. Beaty, Snow & Smith has been organized. They all continue business in the Confederation Life Building.

MRS. A. RHULAND, a widow of Lunenburg, N.S., who has been carrying on a dry goods and grocery business for the past years, has been complained of as being behind-hand in payments for some time past, and has now assigned, making preferences of \$2,700. The liabilities are \$8,400, with nominal assets of about \$3,000.

IN consequence of a fire in his premises, Peter Bertram, dealer in hardware, Hamilton, suspended payment until his assurance is adjusted. This is expected to fully cover his loss.

—About sixteen years ago W. A. Woolson bought the grocery stock of Dart & Murdoch, Ingersoll, for \$2,300, and for some years made progress; lately, however, his business was reduced, and giving too much credit, he now assigns.

IN 1886 H. McDowell opened a drug store at Vancouver on a small scale and since then it has continued to grow. In June, 1895, the business became incorporated as the McDowell, Atkins, Watson Co., Ltd., with H. McDowell as president; T. E. Atkins as vice-president, and J. M. Atkins as secretary-treasurer. Subsequently the drug business of J. W. Morrow, Mount Pleasant, was purchased, and only a few days since that of R. G. Macpherson, Kamloops, was amalgamated with the company, Mr. Macpherson being managing director in the interior. Prior to the incorporation of all these businesses, Mr. McDowell bought that of A. W. Draper, Granville street, where H. H. Watson was installed in charge. The company now has four stores in Vancouver, one in Nanaimo and another in Kamloops, and the annual sales are said to be in the neighborhood of \$100,000.



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