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Mercantile Summary.

THE Halifax steamer "Newfoundland" has arrived at St. John's, Nfld., with 25,000 seals.

A LOAN of \$3,000,000 for the Quebec Government has been negotiated by Mr. R. Wilson Smith, of Montreal

THE proprietors of the Morse Soap Works in Toronto, Messrs. John Taylor & Co, have just added to their plant a chemical laboratory for analyzing soap and the raw materials they use This firm are now making glycerine from waste soap lyes, as a by-product.

An operative in a Quebec shoe factory, Alex. Visien by name, started a grocery last spring, under his wife's management. He has now made a voluntary assignment. — Eugene Lavigne, of Ste. Gertrude, Que., a contractor for the getting out of ties, telegraph poles, etc., has made an assignment. He owes \$11,000, and shows assets of about \$4,000.

THE wholesale tea firm of Doyle & Anderson, Montreal, has been dissolved by the retirement of Mr. Anderson. Mr. Doyle continues alone under the style of P. S. Doyle & Co. A change takes place in the varnish manufacturing firm of John Cox & Co., of the same city. Mr. W. A. Wilson, of London, becomes a partner, under the style of Cox, Wilson & Co.

In September last J. Hector started men's furnishings business in Montreal. Already he surprises his creditors by assigning, owing -Eustache Fortier, a carpenter by trade, started in the grocery line three years ago, with a small capital, depending largely on his clerk for the business management. He has assigned, and his little savings have gone to the debit of Business Experience Account.

THE firm of J Milne & Son, general merchants at Stirling, Ont., are in financial difficulties, and propose a compromise at the rate of 70 per cent. on liabilities. The business is one of the oldest in the district, and was for a long time conducted under the style of Milne & Clute, who compromised about ten years ago at 60 cents. The present liabilities are stated at about \$8,000.

FELIX PLOUFFE, a native of Sorel, went off to California a number of years ago, where he made quite a fair little pile, and returning to his native town set himself up in the shoe trade about 1880. He might have done fairly, but he has taken so active-it might almost be said violent - a part in politics, that it has affected his trade, and his affairs have now come to such a pass that insolvency is the result. He owes #3,160. — J. E. Mercil, general dealer, Acton Vale, Que, has secured the signatures of his creditors to a composition deed at the rate of 35 cents on the dollar, secured. He owes some \$11,000, and if wound up the estate would probably not have paid 20 cents.

A DEPUTATION of influential citizens went down to the city hall on Monday night to promote before the city council a Toronto hotel project. They represented the necessity that exists for a really first-class hotel in Toronto, and stated that the trustees of Toronto University have offered to donate a free site on the north-west corner of King and Simcoe streets, running through to Adelaide street, with a frontage on King street of 225 feet. The mayor was asked to name a special committee to confer with the promoters, and he appointed Ald. McMurrich, Boustead, Sheppard, Burns, Saunders, Scott, Lamb and Bell. The gentlemen of the deputation were Messrs. Edward Gurney, J. W. Langmuir, E. B. Osler, Robert Glockling, W. D. Matthews, Geo. H. Bertram, John Drynan, W. T. Murray, S. Caldecott, H. P. Dwight, Robert Jaffray and F. Roper.

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