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THE general store business carried on at Ste. Clothilde de Horton, Que., under the style of M. A. Guilmet, has been closed up under insolvency proceedings. The two Misses Guilmet had continued the declining business since the death of their father in 1892.—Joseph La-fortune, of L'Assomption, before reported failed, is offering 50 cents on liabilities of \$4,650. — A. Gaumont, quite an important storekeeper at St. Jean Deschaillons, Que., for a dozen years, and also a maker of bricks, has had to assign. He has always credited freely, becoming much locked up in book debts, and being often sued. He probably owes \$30,000, with assets of about \$20,000.—A second failure in the same village is that of A. Douville, general dealer, formerly a clerk, who began business on a small capital in 1892. Last spring he undertook to put up a new building, and this probably accounts for his failure.—R. Guilbault, of St. Marcel, is a baker by trade. In 1890 he went into general storekeeping, and subsequently, also, engaged in cheesemaking. He has now assigned on demand, and shows liabilities of about \$5,000.—The assignment is reported of Theodore Dupuis, who conducts a general store at St. Thecle, Que., owing \$3,500. He failed before in 1885.

MONTREAL HARBOR.

The Harbor Commissioners of Montreal met on Tuesday last. Those present were Mr. Henry Bulmer, in the chair; Messrs. Victor Hudon, L. E. Morin, sen., John Torrance, Richard White and Andrew Allan. The chief engineer, Mr. John Kennedy, and the secretary, Mr. Alexander Robertson, were in attendance. The statement of revenue for November, 1895, was shown to be \$36,750, against \$36,595 for November, 1894, and the total revenue for the season of navigation \$253,272, as compared with \$252,965 for the previous season.

The tonnage of the port, sea-going vessels, to December 1st, was almost exactly the same as that of 1894, being 1,069,385 tons, against 1,096,909 tons. Thus, as compared with previous years:—

Year.	Steam-ships.	Tonnage.	Sail. nage.	Tot. V'sls.	Total Tonnage.
1882...	658	1,004,396	77	32,311	735 1,036,707
1893...	737	1,128,658	67	23,119	804 1,151,777
1894...	684	1,079,313	50	17,596	734 1,096,909
1895...	592	1,055,611	48	13,775	640 1,059,386

A classification shows 640 ocean vessels this year against 734 last year. Of these 592 were steamers and only 48 sailing vessels. The decline in sailers since 1892 is quite marked. The number of inland vessels coming to the port was 4,496, as compared with 4,656 in the previous year. Concurrently with a decreased depth of water in the Western lakes and rivers, a lessened depth is shown in the ship channel on 1st December in the following years: 28.03 feet in 1892; 27.10 feet in 1893; 27.03 feet in 1894; 26.05 feet in 1895.

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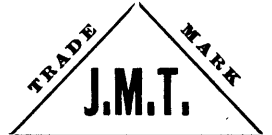
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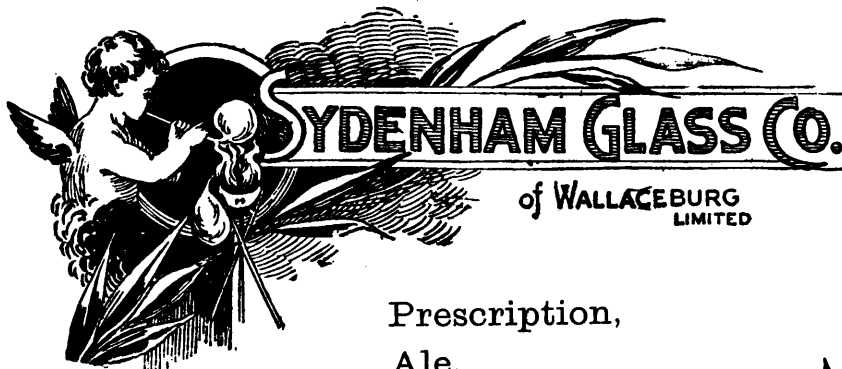


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