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Mercantile Summary.

O. GIGNAC & FILS, lumber and planing mill,
Quebec, are in difficulties, and have called
creditors together. The senior was for a good
many years a successful contractor, and went
into the planing mill business about 1884, in
which he has apparently dropped a good deal
of money.

THE assignment of A. L. Hurtubise, one of
the largest hay merchants in Montreal, is re-
ported. His serious embarrassment has been
quite patent for some months past, and his
actual failure quite expected. The liabilities
are very large, being direct \$101,000, and
indirect \$78,960, and the estate will be a very
poor one.

W. H. WALKER, an Ottawa barrister, who of
late years has devoted most of his attention to
the development of graphite mines near Buck-
ingham, Que., on which large sums have been
expended, and from which great results were
expected, has fyled consent to assign, upon the
demand of Col. Audet. The liabilities are large,
and it has been calculated will run up to some
\$130,000 or \$140,000.

TORONTO papers report that Mr. R. A.
Dickson, of Dickson & Johnson, barristers,
have offered Mr. J. F. Caldwell, of Winnipeg,
the sum of one million dollars for his Sultana
mine. The offer is made in behalf of Toronto
and English capital. Mr. Caldwell, it is stated,
has refused the offer and is asking one million
and a half. Happy Mr. Caldwell.—*Rat Port-
age News.*

AMONG the storekeepers in Amherst, N.S.,
are some "old-timers." Among them may be
mentioned Campbell Bros., who have been in
business some 25 years, and the old established
firm of Dunlap Bros. & Co. There are also three
bank agencies: Bank of Nova Scotia, Halifax
Banking Co., and the Bank of Montreal. Mr.
L. Lockwood, for several years manager at
Goderich, Ont., of the Bank of Montreal branch,
has charge of the last named.

A SOMEWHAT important failure is reported
from Pictou, N.S., the wholesale shoe firm of
R. Tanner & Son having assigned. The busi-
ness was established some 45 years ago in quite
a small retail way by Mr. R. Tanner, and was
gradually worked up to considerable propor-
tions. The old gentleman retired some few
years ago, since which time the business has
not apparently progressed very well. In 1894
the firm compromised at 55 per cent., the li-
abilities being some \$41,000.

A BROCKVILLE despatch of Tuesday says that
C. J. Pussey recently collected several speci-
mens of corundum or emery back of that town,
and sent it to an expert in Stronburg, N.Y.,
for a report. The reply stated that the corun-
dum was of excellent quality, and made inquiry
as to what amount the district would be able to
furnish. It remains to be seen what quantity
there is. Corundum is found in Georgia, North
Carolina, Massachusetts and in Westchester
county, New York State.

IN reply to R. G., we would say it is too
early to get the December figures, and we have
misaid the November ones, but for the twelve
months up to the end of October the quantity of
cheese imported into the United Kingdom from
all countries was 2,243,705 hundred weights, or,
say, 75,647 tons. Of this total Canada supplied
1,271,841 pounds, or more than 56 per cent.;
the United States 527,928 pounds, or nearly 23
cent.; Holland, 295,408 pounds, or between 13
and 14 per cent. The remainder came from
Australasia, France, and other countries.

LAST week we noted the difficulties of Mills
Bros., of Peterboro, who have been unable to
arrange a compromise with creditors, and
now assign.

MR. BREIDENBACH of the Mikado reached
town from that place on Tuesday morning,
and is just as jubilant as ever over the con-
ditions held out at the now famous property,
says the Lake of the Woods *Mining Journal*.
The vein is now down about seventy-two
feet, and a cross-cut has been started at about
sixty feet. The pit head frame is now in
position, and the cage and machinery neces-
sary for working have been ordered from Mont-
real.

BEGINNING in the year 1884 a grocery busi-
ness in Sarnia, in succession to J. Campbell, who
had been there some time, B. W. Carr seemed
prosperous for a few years, but of late the re-
verse has been the result. Last July he was
obliged to call a meeting of creditors, who were
good enough to write 55 per cent. off their
claims. Large as this discount was, it appears
to have been insufficient for his permanent
relief, for we now hear of his assignment.

SOME idea of the magnitude of the insurance
interests of the city of Hartford can be derived,
remarks a writer in the *Insurance Monitor* (New
York), from the fact that in 1895 the companies
of that city collected premiums aggregating
\$38,510,589. Of this sum \$20,487,924 were re-
ceived by the eight fire insurance companies
heading in that city, of which the Hartford Fire
received the largest amount, and \$18,022,665
were received by the six life companies, of
which the Aetna's quota was the largest.

FROM Brockville, Ont., we hear of the failure
of T. Clearihue, glove manufacturer, who was
formerly connected with Hall & Co. in the same
line of business, and started for himself in 1892.
He has always labored under the disadvantage
of limited capital, and of late has apparently
had difficulty in financing. The liabilities are
placed at about \$28,000.—A. F. Roney, a
Kingston tailor, is reported embarrassed, and is
asking his creditors for some indulgence in the
way of an extension. He is understood to show
quite a good surplus, though not readily avail-
able.

THE following are country failures that have
occurred in Quebec Province since last issue:
Edouard Coulombe, formerly a farmer of St.
Edouard de Lotbiniere, embarked in cheese-
making and storekeeping three years ago; he
called a meeting of his creditors, and pro-
poses a composition in debts of \$5,600.—
T. H. Hall, a harnessmaker, of Richmond,
was one of the victims of the late fire. He
had no insurance, and his friends have made up
a subscription for him, with the proceeds of
which he is paying his creditors at the rate of
35 cents on the dollar.—Louis Demers, in a
general business at Marieville, since 1888, and
supposed doing fairly well, has assigned. He
shows liabilities of \$3,500, with assets of \$3,100.
—H. L. Snyder is a hay dealer at Stan-
bridge station, whose assignment is reported
with the good-sized liabilities of \$11,370.—
Miss Poirier, a milliner, of St. Johns, is re-
ported as compromising at 25 cents. She did
something similar a few years ago.—P. A.
Domingue, a cheese manufacturer of Adams-
ville, is in trouble. His creditors met a few
days ago, and he offered 50 cents, which those
present seemed disposed to accept.—Wilfred
Fortier, of Buckingham, is a veterinary sur-
geon by profession, and reported a poor one at
that. He is apparently no better as a business
man. He has lately been running a small gro-
cery liquor store, but has had to assign on
demand. He owes about \$2,500.