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The Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of this Company, for the election of Directors and the transaction of business generally, will be held on

Wednesday, the Fifth Day of April Next

at the principal office of the Company at Montreal at twelve o'clock noon.

The Common Stock Transfer Books will close in London at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28th, and in Montreal and New York on Friday, March 10th. The Preference Stock Books will close at 3 p.m. on Friday, March 10th.

All books will be re-opened on Thursday, April 6th. By order of the Board.

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Montreal, 6th Feb'y, 1899. Secretary.

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Proprietor.****Mercantile Summary.**

WE learn that Mr. J. W. Hill, who for some time has been manager in James Stewart's private bank at Tilbury Centre, has taken a position in the Merchants Bank branch lately established in that town. Mr. Hill has had experience, both at Bridgen and Tilbury, and has earned a reputation for integrity and good conduct.

It is interesting to see how goods have to be packed for Klondyke trade. We have seen a number of packages out of a consignment of 85 cases of clothing from this city for the Yukon made by E. Boisseau & Co. The packages are of thin wood, bound with hoop iron and lined inside with tin, which is soldered to make it water tight. These cases are of such dimensions and weight (say 100 lbs. each), as to be easily portable and yet strong enough to resist much wear and tear.

THE assignment is reported of P. Campbell of Arichat, N.S. He engaged in general store-keeping in 1873, at first with some success, but afterwards spread out into operating in fish, which resulted in loss, and he failed in 1892. He effected a compromise, but could not complete the arrangement, and had to again suspend in 1894, settling then at 25 cents. He has since struggled along under difficulties, and has now assigned, owing about \$6,000. —D. J. Boutillier, confectionery and fruits, Halifax, N.S., has assigned, owing some \$2,000, and with few assets.

IN the death of Hugh Ryan, a citizen is removed who had made a strong impression upon all who knew him. Not only was he clear-headed and shrewd in business affairs, not only fair-minded and upright in his dealings, he was warm-hearted and generous to a degree, and gave vent to his philanthropic impulses often privately in obscure directions, besides making the generous use of his means in the handsome equipment of St. Michael's Hospital, known to all Toronto. Mr. Ryan was for many years a successful contractor, and his name is well-known in connection with the building of the Intercolonial Railway, the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Canadian Sault canal. He was connected with many financial concerns, being a director in the Imperial Bank, the Freehold Loan Company, the Trusts Corporation of Ontario and the Insurance Agency Corporation.

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