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Mercantile Summary.

MR. JOHN BAIN, private secretary to the Minister of Customs, has been appointed assistant commissioner of customs. Though only thirty-four years of age, he has had a varied experience in law, newspaper work, etc., and his friends say is peculiarly fitted for his new position.

A good deal of interest is being manifested by manufacturers and other employers of labor in Senator Lougheed's bill directed against the "walking delegate," and the interference of foreign agitators in Canadian industries. It has passed a third reading in the Senate, but how it will fare in the Commons is another matter.

A LETTER from London to the Gazette says it is very likely that the party of Parliamentarians, who are proposing to visit Canada in August will be considerable. "Great interest is felt in the new departure, and the result will be to impart to the House of Commons at Westminster a more intelligent understanding of Imperial problems and responsibilities than is possible to the stay-at-home Briton."

THE Temiscouata Railway, running from the St. John river, on the borders of New Brunswick, to the ocean, has issued a little brochure setting forth its claims on the attention of sportsmen, particularly for moose shooting. It also contains excellent views of Riviere du Loup, its northern terminus, Quebec, Cacouna and other places with which it is in easy communication, and some of the fine scenery and falls along its route.

WE hear from Montreal that the Slater Shoe Company have placed their factory under the protection of the International Brotherhood of Boot and Shoe Workers, as the result of trouble with the local union, the lasters and turn workers having been called out, about two hundred men being involved in the difficulty. An official of the International Brotherhood states that should the strikers refuse employment under the International Union, first-class workmen who are members will be engaged.

It is agreeable to learn that Canadian flour is making for itself a reputation in Japan An Osaka newspaper says that the demand for Canadian bread at the Osaka Exhibition is already greater than the supply. Of the last consignment of 1,700 bags of flour, 1,000 have already been used, but the trouble is that with the number of ovens which is at their disposal, the bread cannot be turned out fast enough. The Consul-General, Mr. Nosse, of Montreal, has also received certain official notification from Baron Kamura, the Japanese foreign Minister, that preference will be shown Canadian over American flour. "The idea that the Dominion is one of the United States is slowly being dispelled, but it is being spread and encouraged by the American visitors."

