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Mercantile Summary.

A NUMBER of new steel coal cars passed through New Glasgow for the Dominion Coal Company, Sydney, C.B. Each car is thirty-one feet, six inches long, and as large as an ordinary freight box car. Their capacity is fifty tons each.

THE Pembroke Standard is credibly informed that the Pembroke Southern Railway has been leased to the Canada Atlantic Railway Company for a certain number of years. But "this will in no wise hinder the building of the proposed road from Golden Lake to Bancroft, so as to give us close connection with Toronto."

JOHN WATSON, of Montreal, who succeeded, some 20 years ago, to an old-established hardware commission business, formerly carried on by an uncle, but who of late years has been doing an uptown jewelry business, has gone behind, and has assigned upon the demand of one of his creditors. He owes \$14,590.

J. B. Bureau & Co., Montreal, hotel-keepers, have failed. Mr. Bureau has been in the business, off and on, for a good many years, but with an unfortunate record. He failed in 1896, owing then some \$13,000, and in January last compromised at 25 cents. Present liabilities are comparatively small, figuring at \$2,853.

Joseph Bussiere, the Quebec grocer, reported as embarrassed, has been able to arrange a compromise at 50 cents on the dollar.—E. D. Plante, grocery commission, has assigned, owing only about \$700.—The assets of J. L. O. Proulx, dry goods retailer, also of Quebec, who lately failed, owing \$3,300, are advertised for sale.

ACCORDING to a paragraph which we find in the Sarnia Observer, the average yield of wheat per acre in the southern counties of Michigan is eight bushels per acre, in the central counties six bushels, in the northern counties ten bushels, and for the entire State eight bushels. The quality of this year's wheat is poor, the herry being shrunken in many localities. In the southern counties the quality, as compared with that of average years, is 77; in the central counties, 63; in the routhern counties, 84; and for the entire State, 75.

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