

A NEW company is opening up the Black Diamond coal mine at Westville, N. S.

THE Oaklands Jersey Dairy Co. has been incorporated, capital stock \$100,000.

A. McVEAN, of Dresden, is building a wheel factory 32 x 78 feet, in connection with his hub and spoke works.

SAID Robert Bonner, the rich man of the Ledger, "Good, judicious advertising; that was the key to my fortune.

EIGHTY corn-canning factories in Maine have put up 14 million cans sweet corn, this year, besides beans, tomatoes, &c.

MR. A. R. MORRISON, representative in Hamilton of the Moncton Sugar Refinery, a wellinformed man and an old member of the C. T. A., died on Sunday last.

THEY use the electric light at the Paton Woollen Mills in Sherbrooke, having 450 lights of 16-candle power each. The dynamos being run by water power.

THE Amherst Light & Heat Co., A. R. Dickey, president; T. W. Douglas, secretary; has been organized, to supply these essentials to that town by means of steam, incandescent and arc electric lights.

THE foundry business in Sherbrooke, of Messrs S. B. Jenkes & Son, is now conducted by the Jenkes Machine Co., which has bought the business, workshops and plant of the Smith, Elkins Mfg. Co. The company is making some large castings for the Capelton Chemical Works.

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Five thousand square yards of earth and rock has been excavated to a depth of 23 feet this year, by the Megantic Mining Co., at Coleraine, Que. Numerous veins of asbestos have been laid bare, ranging from 1 inch to 3 inch.

MR. ROBBLEE, of Summerside, declares that the lobster and mackerel fisheries of Prince Edward Island have been a failure this year, but that the oyster business has been the best ever known, 40,000 barrels have left the Island.

HALIFAX exported to the United States during last fiscal year, \$1,023,000 worth of merchandise, as compared with \$768,000 in the previous year. Of this aggregate, pickled fish made \$447,000; dried fish \$313,000; lobsters \$99,000. Potatoes, hides and pulp were the next largest items.

A BANKER in a western town takes our 'holiday hint'' in this way: "Excellent, Prompt & Co., of Toronto, shall not get the start. Hence we remit this day \$2 for ' MONETARY TIMES,' 1887, and cordially agree in Prompt's opinion of the paper. The same to vou.'

A NUMBER of Ontario journals have just is sued holiday editions. Very neat and very creditable ones they are. The Brantford Telegram sends to its readers a Christmas number, prettily illustrated, and containing special contributions. The Peterboro Examiner's Christmas issue is handsome and interesting. And that live and sensible weekly, the Lindsay Post, treats its subscribers to a double number. We also welcome an interesting Christmas issue of the Christian Guardian.

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A SUBSCRIBER in one of the cities writes to us: "I am in receipt of your 'gentle hint' from 'Prompt & Co.'s office' to remit for his paper. It is a capital idea, and I shall stick its little picture up in my office as a hint to some of my friends who call, trusting it will be the means of getting in some of my accounts. Enclosed please find \$2 for my subscription to your excellent paper."

PEOPLE are wont to smile at the notion of spontaneous combustion, or at least to think it will never happen in their premises. Probably the owners of the "Right House" in Dresden will hereafter have more respect for the term. One day last week they had a narrow escape. It seems that a towel that had been used for a lamp cloth and had become saturated with oil, got laid on a shelf accidentally and a pile of prints piled on top of it. In the afternoon, burning cotton being smelled, search was made, and on the pile of prints being moved the towel at once burst into a flame.

ST. JOHN mourns the loss of "a good citizen, and a faithful friend " in the death, last week, of Thomas McAvity, Esq., who had reached his 78th year, and for almost seventy years had lived in that city. In 1835 he began on his own account as a dealer in hardware, He prospered, and the firm of T. McAvity & Sons is now known all over the Dominion as brassfounders, &c. The deceased gentleman had been long an alderman of St. John, and from 1859 to 1863 was its mayor. His funeral was a large one, a feature of it being the attendance of 125 of the foundry hands.



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