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Ontario.**Mercantile Summary.**THE bondholders of the Great North-
ern Railway have come to the decision
to build the Joliette branch as soon as
possible, and to begin on the Bout de
l'Île bridge at once.LAST month, some time, Trumbell
& McDonald, dealers in cigars, etc., at
Kaslo, B.C., sold their stock. They
have assigned.—G. R. M. Stritzell,
who has kept general store at Plum
Coulee, Man., has also assigned, after
carrying on business in a small way
since June, 1896.WE hear of the incorporation, by let-
ters patent, of the "Canada Cold Storage
Company, Limited," of Montreal, with a
capital of \$1,000,000. The charter mem-
bers are Messrs. Eustache H. Barchard,
solicitor; William F. Robinson, man-
ager; Lawrence Macfarlane, advocate;
Arthur R. Holden, gentleman; Ernest
E. Vipond, law student; all of Montreal.THE A. T. Wiley Company, Limited,
of Montreal, with a capital of \$150,000,
is incorporated to deal in wholesale
and retail china, etc. The charter
members are William Prentice, crockery
merchant; Dame Mary P. Skinner, his
wife; William D. Birchall, manager;
Frederick Worden, book-keeper; John
Francis Shaw, salesman, all Montreal
parties.It is said that during the ten months
ending October 31st, the metal-mining
companies in the United States, report-
ing to the Engineering and Mining
Journal, paid a total of \$48,568,071 in
dividends. If one will multiply this
figure by twenty, or even by ten, he will
obtain thereby a better idea of the
hundreds of millions of capital employ-
ed in mining in the United States.A DESPATCH of Monday last from
Sydney, C.B., says that iron workers
employed by Riter, Conley Company,
on construction of Steel Company's
plant, 200 in number, quit work
this week. On Saturday the company
posted notices that in future the day for
iron men would be nine hours, instead of
ten, and that the pay would be reduced
proportionately. The men are all skill-
ed mechanics, and from Pittsburg. They
have been receiving \$2.50 and \$3 a day.
At a mass meeting the men decided to
stay out till their demands were com-
plied with.A CHANGE in the system of grain in-
surance has taken place. Instead of a
separate policy being made out for each
company interested in a cargo, a joint
policy, arranged on the percentage basis,
is now issued. This not only simplifies
the business, but it dispenses with a
large amount of clerical work and
lessens the responsibility of errors. The
British and foreign combination first
introduced the feature five or six sea-
sons ago. The regular lake companies
combination followed in 1898, and at the
beginning of the present season what is
known as the United States Lloyds
combination entered the field with the
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