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Mercantile Summary.

THE Halifax Customs receipts for October were \$77,779, an increase of \$11,257 over October last year.

PROF. THOROLD ROGERS said in 1887: "The British nation is the only civilized community which has kept unbroken, undeviating faith with its public and private creditors."

THE largest and finest building in Orillia is the new market house, town hall and opera house lately erected. The citizens may well feel proud of this structure, with its Gothic towers.

"MEN," says Adam Smith somewhere, "habitually overrate their own good fortune and intelligence. If they did not, bookmakers at races and speculating jobbers on stock exchanges could not make fortunes by their craft."

THE steamers of the Yarmouth Steamship Company, which have been making four trips a week to and from Boston, have begun their two trips a week arrangement. They now leave Yarmouth every Wednesday and Saturday, and leave Boston every Tuesday and Friday.

THE C.P.R. has three elevators in Fort William, entitled "A," "B," "C." The one designated "A" has a storage capacity of 1,200,000 bushels, "B" will hold 1,300,000 bushels, and "C" will hold 1,250,000 bushels. All three will thus hold 3,750,000 bushels.

ACCORDING to the St. John's correspondent of the Montreal Gazette, the revenue of the Island of Newfoundland, for October, was \$153,382, being \$17,316 more than for October of last year, and \$14,476 more than for October in the previous year. This indicates improved trade and the depression passing away. The trustees of the Union Bank, of Newfoundland, are paying dividends of 25 per cent. to the creditors.

IN commenting upon the death last week of Mr. Herbert R. Cunningham, senior partner in the firm of H. R. Cunningham & Sons, of Guysboro, N.S., at the advanced age of 77 years, the Gazette of that place says: "For over fifty-five years the deceased conducted a mercantile business in Guysboro without suspension, assignment or compromise, and today, instead of it being a business living upon the vitality and prosperity of the past years, as so many old business establishments do, it is one of the most progressive and substantial firms in the county."

MORE building is being done in Toronto this year than last. The building permits in the city for the ten months up to 1st November, 1894, were for \$929,710; and for the like period to November 1st, 1895, they were \$1,286,510; increase for 1895, \$356,800.

So great is the activity in movement of merchandise to the Kootenay mining district that the new steamer "Nakusp" is unable, making two trips a week and having 300 tons capacity, to cope with the amount of freight offering on the Columbia River, even with the aid of the "Kootenay." Therefore another boat will be built. This is inward freight and includes machinery for the Hall Mines, and for the War Eagle and other Trail Creek mines.

ON Monday morning last in Chicago a burglar met his death at the hands of the man whose store he was attempting to rob. Recent raids of burglars made Anthony Stauber, tailor on Glen Grove Avenue, fearful of a visit from the marauders, and he resolved to stay in his store. He was awakened in the early morning by the crashing of glass in the rear window, and presently a hand appeared through the hole in the glass and opened the fastener to raise the sash. The next moment the burglar was in the store and was confronted by the owner. There was a short struggle, in which Stauber fired three shots, all of which took effect, killing the burglar, B. L. Farrell, almost instantly.

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