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General Notes.

A Mica mine has been discovered in the township of Methuen, county Peterboro.

It was reported on the Montreal stock exchange recently that the cotton manufacturers' association has resolved to advance the price of grey cotton four-and-a-half or five per cent.

The Yarmouth woolen mill is busy, having received good orders from England; according to the *Acadian Recorder*. The duck factory at the same place is well engaged and doing well.

From reliable advices just to hand from Nova Scotia, we learn that the yield of apples in that province this season, is by far the largest on record. Some authorities place it as high as 150,000 bbls.

Rothschild & Co., wholesale jewellers, Toronto, have assigned. The liabilities are about \$100,000, and the assets will be trifling. Both partners Hurrich and Bush, have absconded. The principal creditors are in England and Germany.

There has, says the *Chicago Journal of Commerce*, been fully \$100,000,000 new capital gone southward during the past nine months, and unless we much mistake the signs there is a southern boom gathering which will astonish the world, socially, politically and industrially during the next few years.

Quite an extensive refinery is being prepared for active operation at Sarnia, Ont by the Alpha Oil Company; 5,000 barrels of oil can be treated at each run. A new oil-refining process is about

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to be tried, the inventor being Professor Hall, who says he can make three barrels of refined oil out of one of crude and water.

Heavy crews are being sent into the woods from all the lumber points in the Northwest States. From 700,000,000 to 1,000,000,000 feet remain over to be taken care of next year. The showing is not calculated to make prospective log-owners satisfied. There is hardly a log unsold on the Mississippi, and the mills along the river can commence early and saw late, so far as log stocks are concerned. Minneapolis and St. Paul are a thousand cars at least short on their lumber shipments by reason of the switchmen's strike, and this, added to the shortage of cars, makes it doubtful whether they can catch up before winter.

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