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Mercantile Summary.

THE mayor of Toronto received a few days ago a telegram from San Antonio, Texas, to the effect that five hundred men were ready to come from that district for harvest work in Manitoba.

ACCORDING to the valuation roll for 1901 the taxable real estate of Coaticook is \$946,925. Of this amount \$100,000 is exempt from municipal taxation. The increase over last year of taxable property is \$7,895.

MR. F. W. BISHOP, who has been manager of L. Higgins & Co.'s store in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, since the business has been taken over from the estate of Wm. Cook, some two years ago, contemplates leaving New Glasgow and going into business in Sydney, C.B.

PROCEEDINGS have been taken against the C.P.R., Grand Trunk railway, Canada Atlantic railway, and other railways before the Interstate Commerce Commission because their rates on hay and straw from this country into the United States are too low.

SIX persons, all colored, are known to be dead as a result of a terrible gasoline explosion in Philadelphia, Monday night last, which tore to atoms six buildings on Locust street, and wrecked over a score of others. Forty wounded persons were taken from the debris to the hospital, of whom some will die. The ruins took fire and possibly more life was thereby destroyed.

FROM recent news received the northern salmon pack, so far as the Skeena and Naas rivers are concerned, bids fair to be disappointing. The run on the Naas has been very poor, and on the Skeena the pack will be about half that which the canners expected to be able to put up. The Rivers Inlet canneries will probably fill up, but at Namu, Lowe Inlet and Alert Bay, in fact elsewhere than at Rivers Inlet, the salmon have run poorly so far, and this being late in the season, a poor pack is therefore expected in the north.

THE Cincinnati Price Current says: There is considerable decrease in the marketing of hogs, in comparison with the recent movement, but the numbers are decidedly in excess of corresponding time last year. Total western packing, 425,000, compared with 505,000 the preceding week, and 525,000 two weeks ago. For corresponding time last year the number was 315,000, and two years ago 310,000. From March 1st the total is 10,290,000, against 9,675,000 a year ago—an increase of 615,000. The quality of current marketings reflects the movement of much immature stock. Prices have held up well, and at the close the average for prominent markets is about \$5.75 per 100 pounds, compared with \$5.65 a week ago, and \$5.30 a year ago. The visible stocks of lard show a large decrease for the present time. In fact, only two or three times during the present time have they been smaller than they are now.

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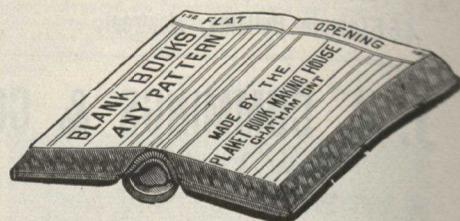
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