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Mercantile Summary.

MESSRS. R. LARMOUR & Co., of Cornwall, have opened a branch store in Lancaster with a stock of general dry goods, foot and head

An effort is being made in London to establish a general trusts company. It is proposed to start with a paid capital of \$100,000, and it is said that some of the most prominent lawyers and financial men in the city are becoming interested in the enterprise.

THE steamship "Isis," while on her way up the river near Montreal, went aground a little below the St. Lawrence sugar refinery, where she intended landing 3,500 tons of raw sugar. This is the second vessel to go ashore in this neighborhood this season, as the "Amarynthis" grounded a week ago a short distance below where the "Isis" is now fast.

Amongst the companies incorporated recently is the Saw Bill Lake Gold Mining Co., with capital stock \$100,000 in \$1 shares. The incorporators are Harold A. Wiley, George T. Marks, Franklin S. Wiley, of Port Arthur; William Southam, John H. Tilden, Jno. Hoodless, Thos. W. Lister, Henry Norman Kittson, Henry Beckett, Francis C. Bruce, all of Hamilton.

What are called car-dumping machines are being used to load steamers with coal, and are likely to supersede former methods of loading on Lake Erie ports. Cleveland papers refer to a "side-dump machine" to be operated by the Cuddy-Mullen Coal Co. on new wharves erected by the Pennsylvania Company, within the eastern arm of the breakwater in that city, as highly satisfactory.

L. J. ROBERGE, in a general store business at St. David de L'Auberiviere, Que., is reported in difficulties, and proposes a compromise at 40 per cent., half cash, balance at six months, secured. He is also in business at Quebec, as one of the firm of Boisvert, Roberge & Thibaudeau.---Ludger Poulin, of St. George de la Beauce, handling carriages, agricultural implements, etc., has made an assignment.

THE firm of Kelly Bros. at River Hebert, Nova Scotia, have, according to the Maritime Merchant, dispensed with the axe entirely, and use only the saw in their extensive lumbering operations. By means of this, from a foot to twenty inches of the finest part of the log is saved, and in the mill there is much time saved, as the saw begins work at once instead of having to cut through the useless scarf first. As for time, a tree can be cut down with a saw as quickly as with an axe, and by less expensive hands. It is calculated that by using a saw a hundred thousand feet of lumber is saved in every million, and that with their cut this winter of 3,000,000 they will save 300,000 feet.

On Saturday last the steam dredge "International" was launched at the Government dry dock, Kingston. She is the third and largest dredge built by the Connollys, and is constructed on their own design. Her length is 114 feet, width 36 feet, hold 101 feet. She has been under construction about a year, and said to have cost \$70,000. Her engines, which are very powerful, were built by the locomotive works of that city, as was also the boiler and the greater portion of the machinery. The dredge is intended for digging in the waters, and capable of dredging fifty feet in depth. Her dipper has a capacity of five cubic yards. Unfortunately for the Messrs. Connolly the dredge has been seized by the Dominion Government for debts.

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