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Mercantile Summary.

THE Stanstead, Que., Live Stock Association will hold its eleventh annual show on the 18th and 19th August.

THE Drummond Colliery has got their share of the Intercolonial Railway coal contract for this year, 25,000 tons.

If the British Consul at Bagdad, Turkey, is well informed Batoun kerosene has driven the American oil out of the market thereabout.

THE German settlers of the colony of Springfield, Manitoba, settled a year ago, have each ten to fifteen acres under grain crop, the whole looking well and promising a bountiful yield.

A DESPATCH from Marquette, Michigan, dated Wednesday, says that the tariff of \$2 on lumber has caused an advance in prices. Buyers there and in other lumber towns are taking all there is for sale.

THIS year's Sherbrooke Exhibition is fixed for the week beginning August 30th. One may always depend upon the Eastern Townships to make a good display at this fair, which seems to grow year by year.

THE Walkerton chair factory commences operations this week. The *Telescope* says it is filled with the very latest patterns of machinery. The intention of the directors is to confine themselves to some choice lines of high-class furniture, and not go into the extensive manufacture of common chairs and bed-room suites.

THE Londonderry Iron Company, Acadia Mines, N.S., offer for sale their large assortment of surplus machinery tools and appliances for use in the mines, rolling mills, blast furnaces, machine shops and railway works. The manager, Mr. Sutcliffe, tells the *Eastern Chronicle* that the business of this company has been carried on at a loss for several years past, and that the whole plant needs modernizing.

HOLLANDERS travelling in the United States cannot understand why so little use is made of windmills on the great central plain of the United States. A Hollandish engineer, who recently visited the *Milling World*, of Buffalo, asserted that the regular daily winds over the central prairies could be utilized to grind all the cereals grown on the prairies, and would be so utilized if Hollanders owned the region.

A WINNIPEG reporter was told by Mr. Wm. Mackenzie, the contractor, that work is nearly completed in the extension of the Dauphin road to Lake Winnipegosis, and when it is finished the railway service will be extended to the end of the line. A party of engineers is now engaged surveying the Rainy River road, and their report will have to be considered before anything in the way of construction is done.

ELSEWHERE in this issue has been noted a gathering of wood-pulp men of Quebec and Ontario to deliberate upon the probable effect of the United States tariff on this industry. A meeting of Ontario lumbermen and mill owners is to be held in the Board of Trade Building, Toronto, on August 19th, to discuss the general aspect of the lumber trade, and also to consider the steps that should be taken by the Government as regards the export duty on logs and import duty on lumber. There will also be a proposition made to form a lumber association to further the interests of the lumber industry.

It is asserted by the North Bay Times of 5th August that "coal exists in this part of the province," and the writer of the paragraph asserts that "the fact has been conclusively proven within the past week in defiance of the

professional or other opinion that the stuff is not true coal, but anthraxolite. Notwithstanding the adverse opinion of geologists and would-be geologists, that it was impossible to find coal here, the Citizens Gold and Coal Co. of this place believed otherwise, and during the past few months have steadily persevered in the sinking of a shaft, determined to settle the question once for all. Last week at a depth of about 80 feet, they reached a bed of fine anthracite." Some of it was burned in a forge, and some in a coal stove; some welds were made with it, and some Old Country miners have examined it, and express themselves as "quite satisfied that it is high grade anthracite." The paragraph concludes with a statement that, in consequence, there has been a great demand for stock, over 10,000 shares having been disposed of.

THE Canners' Association of Ontario met last week at the Walker House, Toronto. W. A. Ferguson, president, in the chair. Reports were read respecting the crops from the different localities. The pea crop has suffered from the drouth and will be at least 25 per cent. less than last year. Strawberries will also be much less than the allotment. Corn, tom toes and fruits will be a short crop. The apple crop will be very light, and not more than 25 per cent. of that of last year. In the Leamington district the peach crop will be heavy, but in the Niagara district it will be light, possibly an average crop altogether. It was decided, in view of the reports received, to allow each packer to use his own discretion as to the quantity to be packed and the prices to be charged.

COMMENTING on a despatch from Ottawa to a Montreal paper, stating that, the Prince Edward Island election being over, the construction of the pier at Summerside, for which tenders were invited some ten days ago, will not be let the *Summerside Journal* angrily says: "For political coolness, this certainly can't be the climax. At the time tenders were called for the proposed work, we contended that the advertisement for tenders bore, on the face of it, strong evidence of being an election dodge or a political fake, and the above despatch is a confirmation of these suspicions." The *Journal* contradicts a further statement of the despatch to the effect that the work will be enormously expensive, neither the stone or the brush required in the construction can be obtained on the island.

THE firm of H. Mortimore & Co., importers of elastic web, and dealing in Montreal, has dissolved partnership.—Two new industries have been started at St. Celestine, Que., one is a manufactory of carriages, conducted by Geo. Douce, and the other is a saddlery business to be managed by Cyprien Jutras.—G. W. McLaren has opened a drug store at Crystal City, Man.; this is a branch of his Morden business.—Joseph Higginbotham has bought the jewellery business lately conducted by W. A. Crisp, at Portage la Prairie.—It is reported that the general store business belonging to Riddle & Davidson, at Longley, B.C., has been sold out.—The Empress Tea and Coffee Co. has started a store at Vancouver, and Thorp & Co., soda water manufacturers in the same place, have opened a branch at Nelson.—The firm of Johnson & Nelson, general storekeepers at Westville, N.S., has been dissolved, and hereafter will be conducted by Nelson. From the same town comes the report that McQuaig & Johnson have entered into partnership in the men's furnishings, tailoring and boot and shoe line.