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Mercantile Summary.

THE former consul of the United States in Halifax, Mr. D. H. Ingraham, left that city on Saturday night last, taking with him good wishes and pleasant recollections. His successor is Mr. John G. Foster, of Derby Royal. Vermont, 38 years of age. Mr. Foster is a graduate of Tuffts College, a lawyer by profession, a bank director, and has been a member of the Vermont Legislature.

SEVERAL items of interest come from Seaforth this week. A bicycle firm, Arnold & Hare, have given up business. W. Sadlier, grocer, is moving to London, and John Way, who has been selling shoes there, has closed up .-- M. Guindon has ceased selling liquors at Windsor, but in the future will deal in wines at Sandwich.--J. E. Vollans is looking for some one who will buy his cigar business at Windsor.

CANADA last winter adopted, says the Detroit Free Press, a very strict alien labor law. and agents are now being appointed and instructed for its enforcement. Its inception was in the Lodge Corliss bill, which failed of enact ment. "Thus the efforts of Mr. Corliss, while proving futile to further protect American workmen against Canadian birds of passage, have resulted in closing Canada to American laborers."

Montreal butchers, who are compelled by law to do all the slaughtering of their animals at the abattoirs, are put into an awkward fix by the burning of the eastern abattoir, L'Union The Union des Abattoirs was notified yesterday morning by the city that it would have to pro vide temporary accommodation for slaughtering at once. Meantime the insurance on the buildings goes to the city as security for the Union's debentures.

A QUEBEC paper tells of a large transaction in mining stock in Montreal on Monday last. Mr. S. H. Miner, of Granby, having purchased a block of the Old Ironsides treasury or development stock for \$20,000, the first payment also being made. The property, which is located in the Greenwood Camp, Boundary district, B C., is now controlled by Mr. Graves, Mr. Miner and Mr. White. The machinery is being put in, and the work of development is to be vigorously pushed forward.

THE output of the several collieries of the Dominion Coal Company from 1st to 17th July was 100,819 tons, and the shipments 92,-685 tons. Of the total quantity shipped no less than 75,000 tons found its way up the St. Lawrence. There is a good demand for coal in Montreal, the agents of the company being desirous of receiving 30,000 tons per week for some time to come. The Stellarton Trades Journal says: "Prospects of work at Gowrie have improved somewhat of late, and it is hoped that work there will be brisk while the shipping season lasts. Work at all of the collieries at the present time is fair.'

It may be remembered that a new industry in St. John was announced when the St. John Railway Company decided to put in a plant for the manufacture of sulphate of ammonia. Machinery was purchased and men employed. and there were great expectations. But now, after the expenditure of a large sum of money however, it has been found that the manufacture of the article was too expensive to be profitable and the company decided to abandon it. The men have been discharged and the plant is now idle. Probably sufficient enquiry into the processes of the industry and their cost was not made beforehand.

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