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## Mercantile Summary.

HALIFAX capitalists are about to inaugurate a large soap factory in Sydney, C.B.

THE South Shore Railway Company have decided to extend their line from Yamaska to Levis, where connection will be made with the trunk lines.

THE number of homestead entries made in the North-West during the first eight months of the present year was 5,974, against 4,804 for the same period last year, and 3,665 for 1898.

THE assets of Charles Langlois & Co., wholesale produce dealers, in Montreal, were put up for tender, and were allotted last Friday to William Richer, en bloc, for the sum of \$130,500.

HULL, last week, passed, without opposition, a by-law for raising \$28,000, for the purpose of building a new City Hall. Several other by-laws, aggregating \$56,000, have been passed during the past few weeks, having for their object the raising of money for various local improvements rendered necessary by the great fire.

ALFRED DUGAL has made a brief business record, as a dry goods merchant, on his own account in Quebec city. He was formerly connected with the old-established firm of Glover, Fry & Co., but withdrew to start for himself last January. He has already assigned, owing about \$6,000, with assets of a similar amount.

F. F. WEBSTER, a jeweller, at Truro, N.S., is reported an absentee, and his stock, etc., is in the hands of the sheriff, under executions amounting to about \$700.—Lewis Sheldon & Co., of Yarmouth, N.S., also doing business under the style of the Western Grocery Co., have assigned. Liabilities not yet ascertained.

ROSSLAND miners and other wage-earners have joined together, under the name of the Rossland Co-operative Society, Limited, for the purpose of starting a large new store. At first, groceries and provisions only will be dealt in, but as soon as this department shall have become established, other lines will be added.

ONLY three failures are reported in Quebec province for the week, and they are of significant proportions. Mrs. Lessard, doing a little grocery business at St. Ursule, has assigned, owing about \$500.—E. C. Squire, hotelkeeper at Eaton, and J. Buchand, Jr., sawmiller, at Roxton Pond, have also assigned with small liabilities.

THE liabilities of Moses Davis, warehouseman, in Montreal, whose failure we noted last week, are much larger than first calculated, the total being about \$90,000. Several well-to-do relations appear as creditors for large amounts of money, stated to be loaned, and a number of wholesale houses for quite considerable amounts, being moneys advanced to pay duties, etc.

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