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## Mercantile Summary.

NEGOTIATIONS are going on for the sale of the plant of the North Sydney Electric Light Co. to the Cape Breton Electric Light Company.

Mr. S. M. Brookfield has been awarded a contract for building two military school buildings in Halifax at a cost of \$35,000. One will be in Glacis barracks, and the other near the new military gymnasium.

According to the Furniture and Upholsterers' Journal a movement is foot to amalgamate the casket manufactures of Canada, closing up one or two of the concerns, and establishing other plants and agencies at convenient spots.

MESSRS. C. T. Bowring & Co., of Liverpool and London, have placed an order with Messrs C. S. Swan and Hunter, Newcastle-on-Tyne, for the construction of a large steamer for carrying cattle between Nova Scotia and Boston.

A FEW days ago the Hudson Bay Company shipped from Winnipeg 500 barrels of sugar to Moose Factory, on James' Bay. These places are only 600 miles apart, yet it had to be shipped to London, England, and from there returned to Canada by steamer through No stronger proof is Hudson Bay. needed in favor of the necessity for the projected railway.

IT is pleasing to note that Americans are not the only people coming from the United States to take up Canadian vacant Considerable-sized parties French-Canadians are leaving the New England States for the North-West, for the purpose of farming. They are mostly mill hands and have in many cases saved enough money to obtain a good start.

WE see by the British Columbia papers that the Hinton Electric and Canadian General Electric companies are combining their interests to some extent in that province. The Hinton Company are removing their retail and repair departments from Vancouver to Victoria, and become general agents for the Canadian General in Vancouver Island, but they will open a large office in the former city, and will undertake the construction of large electrical machinery, uniting with this a general engineering and construction business.

LAST week we stated that D. Mc-Naughton, general storekeeper at Stobie Mines, had called a meeting of his cred-At that meeting he made them an offer of half the amount of their claims. This probably will be accepted. -The assignment of James Hamilton, hardware dealer at Woodstock, to E. W. Nesbitt, has already been noted. At a meeting of creditors since held some dissatisfaction was expressed, and Mr. D. G. Cuthbertson, of Ingersoll, was appointed assignee in his stead.--An assignment has been made by Fred. Boyd, tailor, Portage la Prairie, who has been in difficulty for a couple of months.

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