

COLORADO GOLD MINING AND DEVELOPMENT CO.

Canadian Office of the Treasurer—22 King St. East, TORONTO, Ont.

Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of one-half per cent. a month upon the par value of the paid-up capital stock of this company has been declared, and that the same will be payable at the banking house of Lownsbrough & Co., on and after

Tuesday, 15th Day of December Next.

The transfer books will be closed from the 1st to the 16th of December next, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board.

CHARLES A. KEELER, Treasurer
Toronto, Nov. 16th, 1896.

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Mercantile Summary.

The population of Magog is now 2,800.

The firm of G. C. Wilson & Co., hardware merchants, Dundas, is dissolved, F. D. Suter retiring. Mr. Wilson will continue and remove to his former offices on Main street, where he will attend to his insurance and ticket business.

MR. GEORGE BRUCE, of Petrolia, has left for the Island of Sumatra, East Indies. Mr. Bruce is an oil expert, and has been sent out to Sumatra by an oil syndicate, which has undertaken to develop the petroleum deposits of the island.

THERE are enterprising folks among the Stratford people. They believe in manufactures. Some seventeen of them have organized in that city a company, \$90,000 capital, to make the Anchor Wire Fence, having purchased rights from the patentee.

At a meeting, last week, of the directors of the St. John Bridge and Railway Extension Company, it was agreed that genuine winter port business would be carried over the bridge this winter at a cost of 10 cents per ton net. This is a concession towards popularizing St. John as a winter seaport.

HAVING worked for some twenty years in the extensive shoe factory of G. Bresse, at Quebec, J. B. Robitaille started business for himself in a retail way about three years ago, and has now made a voluntary assignment. — L. Faucher, a small grocer, of the same city, seeks a settlement at 20 cents on the dollar.

BANK clearings' totals at 88 cities for the week ending November 19th, with comparisons, as forwarded to Bradstreet's, show:—Total clearances, \$1,285,782,141, an increase of 9.3 per cent., as compared with the same week of last year. Outside of New York the clearances were \$495,292,347, a decrease of 1.8 per cent.

A \$6,000 order for vehicles has been received by an Ottawa firm from Johannesburg, South Africa. It includes twenty phaetons, and the remainder consists of top buggies, spring wagons and express carts. The order is to be filled by W. Gray & Sons, Chatham, and will likely be ready for shipment by New Year's Day, 1897.

BOWMANVILLE has voted a bonus to a rubber company, and the Oshawa *Vindicator* understands that the company, in order to set at rest some criticisms of its substantialness, has forwarded to Mayor Lescombe a cheque for \$400, in payment of the site for the factory, and also an undertaking on the part of the Toronto Financial Corporation which will serve as a guarantee to the contractor that his money will be paid for building the factory when earned.

PREVIOUS to 1894, W. G. Emmerson was a farmer near Ashburnham. In that year he opened a small grocery in that town. As he had but little capital and no experience as a buyer or seller of merchandise, his assignment now is not extraordinary. We do not know what has become of his farm. — A. W. Dickens opened a confectionery shop in Belleville sixteen months ago; not making progress he has concluded to assign. — Quite a number of years ago Foreman & Son opened a grocery and boot and shoe establishment in Collingwood. In 1883 the senior member of the firm died and the style of the firm was changed to A. and H. Foreman. They continued to do a large trade, but granted credits too freely. A year ago they found that they had about \$5,000 outstanding, and at that time claimed a surplus of \$8,000. Now they are in financial straits and their creditors will shortly be asked to consider the situation.

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