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Mercantile Summary

A CONTRACT has been awarded for the erection of the new school building at Sydney Mines for \$12,000.

A BRANCH of La Banque Nationale is opened at Coaticook, under the management of Mr. B. A. Dugal, late of the Ottawa branch.

A. J. BOWER, Truro, and Byron Bower, Yarmouth, are reported to have discovered a gold lead in Kemptville, Yarmouth county. They have taken up

AFTER a long and somewhat stormy meeting the ratepayers of Sydney, C. B. voted to raise \$250,000 to be expended in providing water and sewerage as well as for street and school purposes.

THE Allan Line steamship "Huronian," was loaded last week at St. John for Cape Town in 64 hours, a record performance at that port. She took 89,533 bales of hay, equal to no less than 3,997 tons. No less than 245 cars were required to bring the hay to the port.

THE Eastern Townships Bank has opened a branch at Windsor Mills, Que. under the management of Mr. E. P. Olivier, late manager of the Magog branch. Mr. Olivier has been succeeded at Magog by Mr. W. D. Fraser, late teller at the head office in Sherbrooke.

THE property owners of Lachine have voted on a by-law to borrow \$37,000 for improvements. The project was defeated by 15 majority in number and \$175,000 in value of the property represented. The people remembered how the council managed a former loan for a similar object.

It is satisfactory to note that an estimate of the number of tourists who have visited Cape Breton up to the present time this season places it at over 20,000 people. People living in other parts of the Dominion cannot learn too quickly of the manifold attractions possessed by our own seaside.

A DECADE hence, says the Eastern Journal, and the popular dirt roads will be receiving much the same attention that is now bestowed on railways, and their construction will be entrusted to experts. In perfecting this great service, the people of the rural districts understand that no individual or corporate interest is being served to the exclusion of their own. It is distinctly a great public interest, and where improvements are made, there the results and benefits are mostly enioved.

QUITE a large party of Americans. eleven in number, have been down looking at the Royal Oaks property, at Goldenville, Guysboro county, and it is understood have secured an option on it. Gold mining is also looking up at Isaac's Harbor and Goldboro. The old H. K. Fisher property has been purchased by George McNaughton from the S. Sweet estate, and it is reported that the Dolliver Mountain Co. have about sixty men at work prospecting and building a dam near Isaac's Harbor, which is to be 64 feet high. They purpose to run their plant by electricity.—Halifax Merchant.

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