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Mercantile Summary.

FROM the Vancouver "Province" of the 18th we learn that twenty loans, amounting to \$20,550, were granted at a meeting of the directors of the British Columbia Permanent Loan and Savings Company, held on the previous Tuesday. This is the largest amount of loans ever put through at one session of the board.

THE Montreal Coal and Towing Company held their regular half-yearly meeting recently, and declared a dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum on preferred stock. Directors were reelected as follows: Messrs John Torrance, S. O. Shorey, W. F. Torrance and G. Ernest Muir.

E. F. NEVILLE & Co., general storekeepers, at Mill Village, N.S., reported last month as asking an extension on liabilities of \$4,030, are now proposing to pay 50 cents on the dollar, secured. -James Ritchie, long a leading blacksmith at Amherst, N.S., and now advanced in years, has been obliged to as-

Compromise arrangements have been effected by recently reported insolvents in the province of Quebec as follows: Le Syndicate de Ste. Marie de la Beauce have arranged to pay 35 cents, cash; Wm. Bennet, of Calumet, has compromised liabilities of \$2,750 at 50 per cent., and the creditors of Cross Bros., St. Chrysostome, have agreed to accept 55 per cent. of their claims. F. W. Farley, grocer, etc., Stanfold, pays 40 cents in liabilities of \$3,300, and Arthur Gagne, of Ste. Rose de Degele has also obtained a compromise settlement.

JOHN COYNE has been well known in wholesale circles as a merchant at Portage du Fort, Que., for the past thirty years, but the name does not call up very pleasant remembrances. He is first reported to have failed in partnership with a brother, about twenty years ago. In 1887 his record shows him compromising at 50 cents on the dollar; five years later a similar settlement was obtained, and in 1896 his creditors were again very accommodating and accepted 40 per cent. of their claims. At the moment he is reported as again embarrassed, and proposing another 40 cent arrangement.

THE firm of F. Irvine & Co., dry goods dealers at Nelson, B.C., have compromised liabilities of \$44,553 at a discount of 30 per cent., or \$13,365 off. In order to pay the amount of \$31,188, they have the following resources: \$46,-000 in stock, and \$11,500 open book accounts, also \$2,000 in real estate-nearly two dollars for one! Evidently they have been overloaded with stock during the severe depression of the past year. They have done business eight years, and at one time commanded a good trade. - Mrs. Josephine Chouinard opened a dry goods store in Winnipeg in July, 1899, with a small capital, and as she did not increase her wealth, she is now obliged to assign.

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