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Mercantile Summary.

THE British Columbia Legislature has adopted a resolution urging upon the Dominion Government the establishment, in that Province, of a mint.

A Montreal authority states that an order has been given to the Intercolonial Coal Company by the Montreal Street Railway Company for their year's requirements of slack coal, estimated at 30,000 tons.

The council of Granby, in the Province of Quebec, has approved of a by-law for the issuing of \$50,000 in debentures to pay off the floating liabilities of this corporation, to provide for certain debentures falling due, to put in a system of electric light, and make permanent roads and sidewalks. The citizens will vote upon it on the 3rd of May.

A LARGE meeting of the leading men of Amherst, N.S., was held in that town the other evening to discuss the advisability of making Amherst a seaport. The town is not very far from deep water, and it is thought a canal might be dug without any very great difficulty. The town would thus become, it is pointed out, an important distributing point for the mari time provinces.—Maritime Merchant.

THERE was a meeting on Monday last of the creditors (principally Toronto men) of J. L. Mader, merchant. Kincardine. The statement showed assets \$6,196 and liabilities \$6,798.——On Saturday last the retail dry goods firm of Macdonald & Co., Windsor, Ont., made assignment. They had proposed a settlement at 75 cents in the dollar, but one large house stood out against accepting the compromise.

A FIRM in Amherst, Nova Scotia, H. A. Hillcoat & Co., dealers in musical instruments and merchandise, have been obliged to assign. The business was a considerable one for the place but Mr. Hillcoat has not been able to give all his personal attention to it of late, owing to ill health. The liabilities are said to be some \$25,000, direct and indirect. The Bank of Montreal holds a bill of sale to cover a claim of \$17,400, and there are other preferences to the amount of about \$3,000.—The millinery stock of Miss B. E. Killam, at Canning, N. S., has been sold by the sheriff. She went to Boston several weeks ago, nominally on a visit, but has not returned.

St. Thomas and Napanee parties are incorporated as the Rose, Finlay Company of St. Thomas, Limited, to import, buy, sell and deal in all kinds of Japanese, Chinese and other oriental goods, wares, produce and merchandise, with a total capital stock of \$24,000. A company has also been formed, some of whose members are Walter C. Bonnell, John A. Mc-

Gee and Peter Clarke, to take over the for business of James Harris of Toronto, under the name of the Yukon Fur Manufacturing Company of Toronto, Limited, capital, Another company is the Hepworth Manufacturing Company Limited, capital \$24,000, which is to take over the lumber business of C. H. Witthun and Benjamin Dankert of Hepworth, in Grey county.

The following information, issued in a supplement to "Dickerman's Counterfeit Detector," for April, is given by a circular letter from the Treasury Department, Washington. It describes a new counterfeit \$10 Treasury. Note, series of 1891; check letter C; J. Found Note, series of 1891; check letter C; J. Found Tillman, Register; D. N. Morgan, Treasurer; it bears a portrait of Sheridan; No. 4040549; small scalloped seal. "This counterfeit is apparently printed from a photo-etched plate, on two pieces of paper, between which silk threads have been distributed, It is so poor that detailed description is deemed unnecessary."

Failures in Montreal, as well as elsewhere in the Province of Quebec, continue few in number, and of minor importance. Hubert & Comtois, a firm of hat and fur retailers, when assigned. They failed before in 1894, when assigned as 30 cents on the doltar; but they tried to compromise liabilities of about \$5,000, at 30 cents on the doltar; but of estate was sold out, and they have since for business under cover. Emile Depocas, for merly a hardware clerk, began business six himself in Westmount suburbs, about months ago, and has already had to assignments ago, and has already had to assignments. L. A. Carriere, carrying on a small grocery business, has also failed; liabilities being about \$1.000.

Under the caption of "How to avoid the intions of " frictions of life, and make the wheels of indu try turn smoothly," Alonzo W. Spooner printed a very ugly, pumpkin-colored folder with certificates with certificates on the outside and poetry of the in documents. the in, designed to exalt copperine is all right. all right. We do not doubt that copperine gut good lubricant, in fact we believe it is why should not all why should not Alonzo say so in handsome style of paper and printing? Why and Solomon and Pope and Shelley, and parody Tennyson and imitate Bill Nye, murder Martin Tuest murder Martin Tupper on a piece of pumping yellow paper too bind yellow paper too big to go in your pocket sol too thin for even too thin for even an engineer's bookshelve?

Alas! Alongo IV Alas! Alonzo. He insists that "a weed it him who loves it." him who loves it is a flower." We believe it we love a weed weed to we love a weed to be in the believe it. we love a weed. But he also tells engine to "Hitch your engine to a star." This wood do; it is neither do; it is neither good mechanics nor good sense. If it is not sense for sense is a sense for sense is a sense for se sense. If it is poetry so much the worse for the poetry

J. Allan Evans, of Sawyerville, desired desired formerly an implement agent, and latterly de ing in stoves ing in stoves, tins, etc., has assigned to of Court, on the Court, on the demand of Copp Hamilton, Ont. He owes about \$3,200. Clement, formerly a tailor at Waterloo, 1896, moved to Labor. moved to Lake Megantic in the fall of 1896, where he has been where he has been keeping store under the style of Clement & France of Clement & Frere. He apparently has not met with much and the apparently for be met with much success in his new field, for be is reported to have is reported to have arranged a compromise of the success in his new field, sure is reported to have arranged a compromise of the success in his new field, sure is successful to the success in his new field, sure is successful to the success in his new field, sure is successful to the success in his new field, sure is successful to the success in his new field, sure is successful to the success in his new field, sure is successful to the success in his new field, sure is successful to the success in his new field, sure is successful to the success in his new field, sure is successful to the success in his new field, sure is successful to the success in his new field, sure is successful to the successful to 50 cents, on liabilities of \$5,200. Guimont, Petit Matane, Que., her small ported in trouble ported in trouble, has compromised her small liabilities at 50 coliabilities at 50 cents.—Claude B. Jamieson a farmer and a farmer and trader, of Clarenceville, having and a prominent and a prominent citizen in his locality, made has been Mayor of the parish, etc., aid to owe assignment of his assignment of his estate, and is said to over \$10,000.

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