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Mercantile Summary.

THE Nelson, B.C., Saw and Planing Mills Company has received a boom of 500,000 feet of logs, the first instalment of an order for 4,000,000 feet placed in Bonner's Ferry, Idaho.

THE Edmund Hall Lumber Company have their big sawmill at Alpena, Mich., dismantled and ready for shipment to Sarnia, Ont., on the opening of navigation. Lath and shingle mills will be added to the present equipment, and employment for 200 men is to be furnished.

MESSRS. Silas McDiarmid, H. J. Dick, E. Clinton Brown, Robert E. Coupe and George E. Bain are seeking incorporation as "The McDiarmid Drug Company, Limited," to carry on Mr. McDiarmid's wholesale drug business at Halifax. The capital stock is placed at \$50,000, divided into five hundred shares of \$100 each.

SOME of the contracts for the bridge over the St. Lawrence have been let. Davis & Co., of Cardinal, Ont., will do the mason work for the piers, and the Phoenix Bridge and Iron Co., of Phoenixville, Pa., the superstructure of the bridge. The entire cost, including approaches, will be four and a half millions.

ST. CATHARINES will vote on Thursday next on a by-law to grant \$40,000, in cash, a free site of twenty acres and a daily supply of 3,000,000 gallons of water to a beet sugar factory. The city is also to guarantee to secure contracts for four thousand acres of sugar beets. The company is to employ 175 hands at average salaries of \$1.25 per day, for half the year.

MINING Engineer Pushie, who is interested in the Nova Scotia Coal, Iron, Copper and Railway Company, which holds a large number of areas at Antigonish, says the company is building two blast furnaces and a copper smelter and will also build thirty miles of railway. He claims they have 7, 8 and 9 feet seams of coal, and seven seams of iron ranging in width from 3 feet to 22 feet.

ADVICES from the Aroostook river, flowing into the St. John, between Woodstock and Grand Falls, N.B., state that the winter's cut will be about 40,000,000 feet—divided as follows: Hale, 10,000,000; spruce, 4,000,000 cedar; Hilyards, 7,000,000 spruce; McCollom, 3,000,000 spruce; Frazer, 3,000,000 spruce; Estey, 2,500,000 spruce; 200,000 birch timber; Upham, 3,500,000 spruce; Beveridge, 2,000,000 spruce; scattering along the shore, 3,000,000 feet.

SINCE the month of September, 1896, D. R. Rottinger has been engaged in the provision trade in Victoria. Now we hear that his creditors have forced him to assign and that the estate will be a poor one. He appears to owe over \$5,000, and the assets are not worth more than fifteen hundred. — Another provision store in the same city, which is in trouble, is that of J. & C. A. Haynes. They have been sued, and several judgments obtained against them. Now they assign. — An assignment is made by the late Selkirk Trading Co., of Selkirk, Man.

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