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A FINE new clock is being installed in the tower of the city hall at Winnipeg. Its total weight is 11,000 pounds.

THE White Bear Mining Co., Rossland, B.C., are about to put in a new compressor plant and framing shop, also new head works, with a gallow's frame 100 ft. high.

CABLE despatches this week from France say that an advance has taken place in silk ranging from 10 to 20 per cent. the cause being a serious destruction of worms through frost.

A LITTLE humor in an advertisement frequently has a drawing effect. In a recent advertisement of Paris Green, the Canada Paint Company commence by a parody (which might be entitled A Farmer's Injunction) of Tennyson's May Queen as follows:

"You must wake and call me early,
Call me early, Samantha dear.
For the Early Roses are all planted,
And the Potato Bug is near."

THE Dominion Government in order to save lobsters off the Eastern coast from practical extermination, have decided to pay the fishermen market value for all egg-bearing lobsters caught alive, and will place them in pounds at different points along the coast.

ABOUT four years ago, W. J. H. Richardson purchased the stationery business of R. S. Cormack at Whitby, paying \$3,000 cash for it. Lately he has been found slow and unsatisfactory in his settlements. He was sued, and judgment obtained against him. He now assigns.

AT Dominion No. 2 colliery, Glace Bay, C. B. two compressed air locomotives of 35 tons each have been installed, and two more will be put in shortly. The air has a pressure of 650 pounds to the square inch, and they will carry 25 two-ton cars up a four per cent. grade and return empties with one charging.

THE British Columbia Permanent Loan & Savings Company, Vancouver, in the extreme west, is opening up branches in the extreme east in a very energetic manner. They have already accomplished this step in Halifax, Glace Bay and North Sydney, and expect to appoint agents at several other places in the immediate future. Their efforts are being very well received in those parts. We understand that the stock of this company is meeting with a good demand at \$130 per share.

S. R. GORMAN runs a shoe store at Belleville, which is in charge of his son, while he himself travels for a Toronto wholesale boot and shoe house. The competition with which the store has had to contend has been strong of late and business has fallen off. Last month, Mr. Gorman gave a chattel mortgage to his brother-in-law for \$1,675. Creditors, however, have taken action to upset this mortgage, and the stock is to be sold on the 19th instant, money to be paid into court awaiting the decision as to the chattel mortgage.

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