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Mercantile Summary.

TONER & GREGORY, of Collingwood, have contracted with Playfair & White to cut ten million feet of lumber during the coming season.

BRANDON, Man., citizens will vote on the question of exempting from taxation, over \$20,000, for 15 years; a mill the Hanbury Manufacturing Co. propose to put up.

THE machinery for the steel shipyards at Collingwood is being taken from the plant established at Everett, Washington, some years ago.

Two lumber cargoes from this port are now seeking vessels, says the St. John Sun, one for Havana, and the other for Grenada. For the former port \$7 has been offered, and for the latter \$6, but no charter has been made.

THE annual meeting of the Ottawa River Navigation Company was held last week in Montreal, when the following officers were elected: Pres. I. J. Gibb, vice-president, R. H. W. Shepherd; managing director, R. W. Shepherd; board of directors, E. W. Simpson, R. Boulton and H. Wallis.

THE Dominion Coal Company estimate their output for 1900 at 3,500,000 tons. Of this, the St. Lawrence ports will take nearly a million tons; the big steel works at Sydney, C.B., another million; the Maritime Provinces, half a million, and 850,000 tons will go to the United States, Everett, Mass., alone taking 600,000 tons.

THE Cumberland Railway and Coal Company held its annual meeting in Montreal last week. The following are the officers and directorate; President, R. Cowans; vice-president, Hon. G. A. Drummond; general manager, J. R. Cowans; directors, D. Morrice, E. S. Clouston, W. J. Crossen, E. McDougall, W. J. Morrice; secretary, H. R. Drummond.

THE tax on pulpwood not manufactured in the province of Quebec, proves, we are told, more far-reaching in effect than was intended. Its intention was to stop the export of pulpwood to the United States, and to encourage home manufacture. It is doing this, but is also working a hardship to pulp mills on the Ottawa river, just outside the limits of Quebec, in the province of Ontario.

AMONG the troopers in the first detachment of Strathcona's horse, which reached Ottawa a week ago, from the North-West Territories, is a cousin of Lord Charles Beresford. And amongst the troopers are many well-bred men, who will make the finest kind of soldiers. The acting adjutant of this detachment is, Lieut. J. Edward Leckie, son of Robert G. Leckie, formerly of Sherbrooke and Nova Scotia, now of Sudbury. Lieut. Leckie is a mining engineer in active practice, and gives up an income of several thousand pounds sterling per annum in British Columbia, to volunteer for the front. He is a graduate of the R.M.C. at Kingston.

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