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## Mercantile Summary.

NORMAN ROSS, of the Traders' Bank, Sarnia, is to manage the new branch of the bank opened at Arthur.

THE Simcoe Canning Company has recently received a cablegram from the British War Office, ordering sixty-seven tons of jam for the troops in South Africa.

A SPECIAL and general meeting of the stockholders of La Banque Jacques Cartier will be held on March 12th for the purpose of discussing the reorganization of that institution.

THE Randolph, near Mine Centre, in the Seine river district, will put in a 10-stamp mill. Report has it that a good strike has been made on the claim at a depth of 150 feet.

JOSEPH FINLEY has withdrawn from the wholesale grocery and provision business, which has so long borne his name in St. John, N.B. H. F. Finley will carry on the business in future.

CUSTOM duties collected at Montreal during January show a good increase. The amount this year was \$770,818.50, as compared with \$706,454.45 in January, 1899, an increase during the present year of \$64,364.15.

THE Executive Committee of the St. John Tourist Association have elected the following officers: W. S. Fisher, president; O. H. Warwick, first vice-president; C. E. Laechler, second vice-president; D. W. McCormick, treasurer.

ON the invitation of Hon. J. R. Stratton, of the Ontario Government, commercial travellers are sending in complaints against Ontario hotels that are not in a sanitary condition. The license inspectors and the health officers will do the rest.

LETTERS patent of incorporation have been issued at Ottawa to the Loynachan-Scriber Company (Limited), of Montreal, capital, \$100,000; to acquire the business of Loynachan & Wilson, and Hibbert and Arthur, and do a general commission business.

THE name of the Coast Railway in Nova Scotia has been changed to the Halifax and Yarmouth Railway Co., and the New Glasgow Bulletin remarks that this will be slightly misleading, as the only railway running from Halifax to Yarmouth is the Dominion Atlantic.

THE annual meeting of the Kingston & Montreal Forwarding Company was held a week ago, when Mr. Frank Ross was elected president, and J. B. Carruthers vice-president. The directors are: Messrs. Frank Ross, Frank W. Ross and John T. Ross, Quebec; William Stewart, Montreal; and J. Bell Carruthers, Kingston.

LAND sales in the West of Canada are keeping up well. Those of the Canadian Pacific Railway for the month of January are nearly double those of the corresponding month last year. The returns for the month give the following figures: In January, 1900, 31,486 acres were sold for \$100,858; in January, 1899, 14,718 acres were sold for \$45,411.

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