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Mercantile Summary.

THE *Pictou Standard* says that the Logan
Tanning Company imported thirteen cars of
hides last week, valued at \$30,000.

THE *St. John Sun* says that the Dingley bill
will seriously affect the export trade of the
Maritime Provinces in some kinds of fish.

A NEW tail-shaft for the steamship "Grand
Lake" has been made by the Nova Scotia
Steel Company of New Glasgow, and was ship-
ped, via Halifax, to Newfoundland, where the
steamer lay.

A STEAMER is being built at New Westmin-
ster, B. C., for the A. B. C. P. Co. She is
probably launched by this time. Two more
steamers will be commenced at once, one for
the Cleeve Canning and Cold Storage Co. and
a smaller one.

THE *Vancouver World* says that the entire
cost of the Slocan River line, for which the
C. P. R. asks tenders, is estimated at about
\$500,000. The right of way men are making
good progress, and will be ready to give the
field to the graders as soon as the frost leaves
ground.

A NELSON despatch states that Civil Engineer
Perry, in charge of the location survey of the
Crow's Nest Pass Railway along Kootenay
Lake, reported on March 15th his work com-
pleted to within ten miles of Balfour. He has
gone to Slocan City to superintend the con-
struction of the Slocan River branch, and
wharves on Slocan Lake.

THE new American tariff hits hard at some
districts of Ontario. The Allen Seed Com-
pany of Picton has given the farmers notice
that it will not put out a bushel of peas to be
grown this year, as the Americans have put a
duty of eighty cents a bushel on this seed.
This company has paid good prices for peas to
the farmers in Prince Edward Co., many of
whom realized \$1,000 each on the sale of peas

THE Wallaceburg Board of Trade has ap-
pointed a committee of five to promote an elec-
tric road that shall run from Chatham to Wal-
laceburg. We hope it may secure the road
and thereby cure the neuralgia that in 1870
settled in the writer's face as the result of a
winter drive along those seventeen miles of
road across "The Plains," in the face of a
north-west snow storm.

THE creditors of Moise Daigneault, general
dealer, St. Etienne de Beauharnois, have fin-
ally accepted 50 per cent. cash on their claims,
which amount to \$2,600.—An assignment has
been made by J. B. G. Millette, St. George de
Windsor, Que., whose affairs have been under-
going investigation by a Montreal accountant,
and he now proposes a settlement at 30 cents
on time, or 25 cents cash, on liabilities of some
\$12,000.—P. E. Begin, a grocer, of Levis,
Que., has made a voluntary assignment, and
files a schedule of liabilities footing up some
\$3,800.

UNDER the heading "The Orphan Boy
Swindle," the *Roseland Miner* comes very
heavily down upon the directors of the mine of
that name for repudiating shares sold by Whit-
ney, their secretary, and bearing the company's
seal. Thus: "The worst outrage which has
yet been perpetrated on the investing public,
and one which throws all other disreputable
episodes connected with the flotation of British
Columbia mines into insignificance, is the
action of the directors of the Orphan Boy com-
pany of Revelstoke in turning their secretary
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