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### Mercantile Summary.

A SHERBROOKE special of 22nd inst. says that the Eastern Townships Bank has decided to open a branch at Windsor Mills. It will be located in the Begin Block, and it is expected will be ready for business by the 1st of September.

A TELEGRAM of Saturday last from Sault Ste. Marie says that the Bruce Mines Mining Company has shut down its mine at that place, and about 150 workmen are thrown out of employment. No reason is given for the shut-down.

HEADED by a line from Pope, and concluded by an injunction to buy your brushes from Boeckh Bros. & Co., is a little desk-reminder of the importance of prompt decision. "Do it Now," says this little sermon, and don't put it off, whether it is an unpleasant duty or a pleasing task. How much easier would business be if merchants would cease procrastinating.

A DEMAND of assignment has been made upon Max Abrams, who bought out a saloon business in Montreal last March. Mr. Abrams has had a varied business experience, having been in a comparatively short period connected with the Canadian Weekly Magazine Publishing Co., also with the American Hat and Cap Mfg. Co., and before coming to Montreal is said to have been in business in Boston with not wholly favorable results.

Now that the weather has grown cooler, and the rush of passengers to Buffalo is not so constant, it is time for quiet-loving Canadians to think of going over for two or three days. It is not always safe to trust to hotels, for they may disappoint you or overcharge you. If you want a cosy, private house to stop at, with privilege of meals, write to the Elite Information Bureau, No. 305 West Utica St., or use the telephone 3,724 Bryant, telling what you desire.

THE report which the British Admiralty has issued regarding the boiler testing race between the British cruiser "Hyacinthe," fitted with water tube boilers, and the cruiser, "Minerva," having cylindrical or Scotch boilers, is the theme of extensive comment. It is generally admitted in England that the contest was not under conditions that would enable the formation of a decisive opinion. Considerable doubt is again thrown upon the supposed superiority of the Belleville boiler.

It is good news to hear that the Provincial Government has disposed of a part of the Old Upper Canada College grounds on King street West, Toronto, to the Pure Gold Manufacturing Company. The lot purchased fronts for 60 feet on King street, and has a depth of 180 feet. The price paid is said to be \$150 per foot. The Government should long ago have either sold this whole property or else made it into a park. Its condition for years past has been noisome and disgraceful. We now hope for an improvement.

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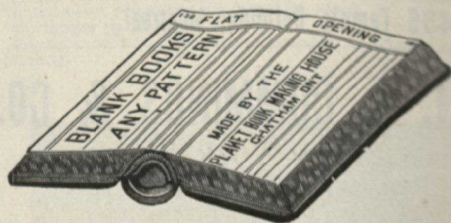
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