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Mercantile Summary.

MR. ROSS, representing a syndicate of United States capitalists, is said to have purchased the large iron property at Steep Rock Lake, near Fort Francis, for \$200,000.

THE Chamber of Commerce of Seattle has expressed a desire to co-operate with the Nanaimo Board of Trade in an endeavor to establish a line of steamers between those two places.

THE North-West Copper Company, which operates the Van Anda mine, has, we see by the Vancouver papers, suspended operations owing to financial difficulties.

THE British Columbia Coal Company are about to bore with a diamond drill at several points on their coal lands, some sixty miles north of Grand Forks, to a depth of 500 feet. Analysis up to date show coal of a superior quality.

THE Western Retail Lumbermen's Association, Winnipeg, have elected the following officers: President, J. L. Campbell, Melita; vice-president, A. M. Stewart, Morden; directors, Thomas Turnbull, Maniota; J. K. Robson, Treherne; T. Meredith, Yorkton; W. H. Duncan, Regina; W. W. Ireland, Carberry; D. E. Sprague, Winnipeg.

A DEMAND of assignment has been made upon "La Manufacture de Biscuits de Joliette," situate at Joliette, Que., under which style E. Tessier dit Lavigne has been carrying on business for the past two years. Mr. Lavigne resides in Montreal, and the business has been managed by D. P. Riopel, a relative. The liabilities are said to reach some \$60,000, mostly due to two banks, which are partly secured.

THE recently formed Atlantic Pulp and Paper Company, Toronto, to which we referred in last issue, has elected the following officers: W. C. Edwards, M.P., Ottawa, president; R. Y. Ellis, Toronto, vice-president; Charles H. Waterous, R. H. Thompson, Buffalo; A. J. H. Eckhardt, Toronto; Charles Lyman and J. W. Wardrope, Montreal, and W. R. P. Parker, Toronto, directors. The company intend developing their property on the north side of the Baie des Chaleurs at an early date, and to manufacture principally for export trade.

THE Harness Makers' Association of Ontario have affiliated with members of the trade in Montreal and will in future be known under the name of the Dominion Harness Makers' Association. They have elected officers as follows: President, Charles Kelly, Uxbridge; vice-presidents, Jno. Broderick, Mitchell; Henry Denis, Chatham; T. H. McKee, Sterling; Edward Kirkpatrick, Toronto; treasurer, J. J. Finlayson, Hamilton; secretary, Alexander Downey, Toronto.

THE Canadian section of the Society of Chemical Industry, at a meeting in Toronto last week, elected the following officers: Chairman, W. R. Lang; vice-chairman, Prof. Girdwood, Montreal, and H. Vanderlinde, Toronto.

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