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## Mercantile Summary

PASSENGERS from Dawson to Vancouver have made a record trip, some having traversed the distance by means of the steamer "Hafing," in five days and a half.

VENANCE TAILLEFER, in business for a comparatively short time in the boot and shoe line, at Hawkesbury, Ont., has assigned, owing about \$2,500.

O. St JEAN, a Canadian by birth, worked for some years in a Chicago paint factory, but returned to Montreal in 1898, to engage in a retail hardware business, which has not proved a success and he has now assigned.

A VOLUNTARY assignment has been made by Geo. Tuck & Co., Montreal, who started as dealers in engineers' supplies, asbestos goods, &c., in February, 1900. Mr. Tuck was previously secretary of the Wm. Sclater Co., Limited, in the same line of trade.

UPON demand, an assignment has been made by J. C. Gagnon, general dealer at Ste. Flavie, Que. His record is a brief one, as he only became of age and started business about a year ago. His late father was a fairly successful trader of the place, but the son is said to have shown a lack of the necessary ability and experience.

A SPECIAL to the Toronto Mail & Empire says that great regret is felt that the Maritime Sulphite Company have closed down their extensive pulp works in Chatham. This establishment has cost first and last about a million dollars, and employed a large force, and its indefinite suspension comes as a surprise to the community.

ADVICES received from Japan intimate that the formal order-in-council appointing Hon. T. Nosse to be the first Consul-General of Japan in Montreal has been passed. Owing to his ultimate knowledge of conditions in Corea, however, in which country he is at present stationed, it may be some months before he enters upon his duties in this country.

THE permits for building operations in Toronto issued up to the middle of this week amounted to \$2,361,115. Last year they amounted to \$1,903,136, all told, and in 1899 to \$2,010,446. It looks as though the permits for the present year will total as high as those for 1891, when, including the city hall, they amounted to \$4,390,900.

SIR HENRY JOLY is testing the growing of eastern Canadian trees in British Columbia, the chief varieties experimented with being black walnut, butternut, white ash, green ash, red oak, ash-leaved maple, etc. One feature which is noted is that many nuts which in the eastern provinces do not start before the second year, on the Pacific coast commence growing the first year after planting.

THERE is trouble in St. Catharines' council over the prospective claims for enfranchisement of the Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville Railway and the Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway to build a road from Beamsville to Vineland over the Queenston and Grimsby stone road. The latter company obtained a franchise, but it is claimed, have failed to comply with the terms of the by-law and have consequently forfeited it. The council have given the by-law of the Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville Company its second reading. In the meanwhile the Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway Company have served an injunction on the council, restraining them from taking any further action.

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