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Mercantile Summary.

THE Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company is making efforts to meet the demand for its coke, orders for which are coming in from every side. The local agent at Nelson has been authorized to send in all the stone masons he can get, to work on the fifty new coke ovens now under construction. The wages offered is \$5 per day with transportation paid both ways.

ABOUT 150 persons, including no fewer than 40 miners from Glace Bay, C.B., are en route to Crow's Nest Pass, B.C. They are to find homes in the town of Fernie, B.C.

FROM Lake Megantic it is reported that J. N. Thibodeau & Co., are seeking an extension of payments, to be spread over a year. The liabilities are put at about \$5,300, and a surplus of some \$1,200 is shown. Mr. Thibodeau has been for some years a sort of general local factotum, being a notary by profession, while filling also the positions of Postmaster, telegraph agent, school secretary, etc. He also kept a stationery and book store, while his wife did a millinery business. It is to be hoped that with such a cluster of occupations, he may be enabled to pay his debts, even though he has to give up the storekeeping.

RECENT business embarrassments in Quebec Province are reported as follows: Cauchon & Frere, engaged in the grocery business at Etchemin, near Levis, are in need of a compromise, and suggest a settlement at 60 cents. Liabilities said to be about \$4,000, mainly in Quebec.—T. Gerard, Jr., of Napierville, recently reported in trouble, has been unable to get a settlement, and has assigned to the court, at the instance of A. Racine & Co., of Montreal. They owe about \$6,000; assets, \$4,200.—C. Pearson, who began storekeeping at Cedar Hall, on a capital of \$500, in 1896, has found it hard work to scrap along; a demand of assignment has been made upon him.—A farmer, named George Lavoie, living about three miles from St. Octave de Metis, thought he would engage in trade a couple of years ago, and has since been dealing in a moderate way in groceries, flour, seed, grain, etc. The experiment has apparently cost him dear, as he has lately assigned.—A. Du Tremblay, miller and merchant, of Roberval, is reported to have arranged his liabilities at 75 cents on the dollar.

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