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Mercantile Summary.

NINE vessels of 1,388 tons were added to the port of Parrsboro and eleven of 1,077 tons struck off during the year, being a gain of 311 tons, and Parrsboro is now third on the list as a ship owning port in Nova Scotia, and fourth in the lower provinces with a net tonnage of 32,000.

At a meeting of the executive of the Truro Board of Trade, on Wednesday evening last, Messrs. D. H. Muir, M.D., G. A. Hall, M. Dickie, and S. M. Bentley, were appointed to represent Truro at the conference of Nova Scotia boards, which meets in Halifax on Monday next.

ACCORDING to the Truro Sun traffic is brisk on the Intercolonial railway. Recently a lot of new freight cars have been put on the road. The new box cars are all sixty thousand pounds capacity, a portion being built by the Rhodes, Curry Company, Amherst, and Crossen & Co., Cobourg.

THE Plant Steamship Co. has placed an order with the Cramps, Philadelphia, for a very large new boat for the Nova Scotia route. The dimensions of the steamer are: Length, 400 feet; beam 50 feet; moulded depth, 36½ feet. Accommodation is provided for 350 first-class and 100 second-class passengers. These include 100 staterooms.

THE ill-advised Brandon Council is at it again. A Winnipeg telegram of 9th instant, says: "A commotion was caused at Brandon yesterday by the refusal of the Imperial Bank to honor cheques issued by the city. The supposed cause is the neglect of the City Council to pass a by-law to raise \$30,000 through several stages at one meeting, as had been agreed upon."

It is learned by The North Sydney Herald that the Dominion Coal Company has already purchased a large quantity of new machinery to be run by electricity. Its effect will be to do away entirely with horses in the mines, this to take effect immediately, and that inside of a year the horses will be abandoned for the more modern type of power, which will greatly increase the output of coal.



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