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Mercantile Summary.

MR. J. ROGERS, Vancouver, B.C., has the contract for erecting a handsome \$50,000 block in that city. It will be occupied by fraternal societies, and perhaps by some bank branches.

It is reported that the Eva free-milling gold property, situated on Fish river, in the Kootenay district of British Columbia, has been purchased by the Calumet and British Columbia Mines, Limited, which was recently capitalized at \$500,000.

THE Colonial Standard has it that the Dominion Government has purchased the Smith farm, at Smithville, near Mabou, C.B., for experimental purposes. The farm, which is described as one of the best in that section of the country, is to be conducted very much after the manner of the Experimental Farm at Nappan, the especial purpose being to ascertain what products are best adapted to the soil and climate of Cape Breton.

APPLICATION is to be made to the Dominion Parliament for an act incorporating a company to be known as the 'Winding Ledges, Power and Boom Company," to hold, sort out, raft and drive all logs and lumber coming down the river St. John, with power to construct dams across the river at or near the Winding Ledges in St. Francis, Madawaska, connect with dams from the opposite shore in the State of Maine, and to dig canals, construct piers, etc., to develop and generate power and commercially supply it; to operate mills and manufactures along the river between the mouth of the St. Francis and Grand Falls and to acquire lands for the purposes of the company.

SALVATION ARMY STREET CLEANING.

A new service has been found by the Salvation Army. An exchange informs us that out in the Western States it is "Besides engaged in street-cleaning. cleaning the streets morally to some extent, the Army in several Western cities has taken up plain street-cleaning, and not only does it well but makes a profit out of it. Mayor Hugo, of Duluth, made a formal proposal to the Army that it should undertake the whole work of keeping that city clean, using the unemployed to do the work and taking its profit out of the sale of rags, paper and street-sweepings. The proposal will probably be accepted. In Chicago the Army has been collecting the city's rags, waste paper and junk for some time. Last year the wagons of the Chicago branch gathered up 780 tons of paper, 50,000 pounds of rags and 5,000 pounds of string, and sold the lot for a good price. Many homeless waifs are employed in this work, and while coming under the good influence of the Army, thus get a chance to earn their food and lodging."

