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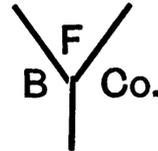
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**Mercantile Summary.**

PIPE LAYING, for the introduction of water into Fredericton, was begun on this day week.

VESSELS from Campobello and the vicinity report herring fishing in that quarter a total failure this fall.

\$100 per acre was paid the other day for the farm of Mr. Joseph Doyle, consisting of 100 acres, one mile east of St. Thomas.

THE St. Croix Courier, of St. Stephen, N.B., states that lumbermen in large numbers are in that quarter leaving for the woods.

Messrs. Warren & Son, organ builders, of this city, have built a \$2,500 organ for St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, Miramichi.

THREE harness shops in Peterboro' have just completed, says the Review, an order for heavy draft harness for use on the construction of the line of the Canada Pacific Railway in the Northwest Territory.

By the census returns there were in 1880 in the United States 4,923,451 persons of ten years of age and upwards who were unable to read, and 6,239,040 were unable to write. Of those unable to write 3,018,080 were white natives.

WAGSTAFF'S Rapid Index, to which we have previously referred, is commending itself to business men. Large orders for it have been received in St. John, says the Telegraph, from Toronto banking houses, and from other quarters.

THE steamer E. A. Folger, belonging to the Dominion Salvage and Wrecking Company, will immediately open the service between the north and south shores of the Gulf. While here she was put into dry dock at Kingston, and was put in a thorough state of repair to resist the ice.

THE apple crop in the Annapolis valley, etc., has, in the last season, been a splendid one. In abundance, choice, quality, and a prolonged season, unusual advantages have been enjoyed by the owners of orchards. The rolling stock in the railroads are taxed to get the crop to the seaboard. A great deal of it is being shipped to England.

MR. D. C. Ross grocer in Woodstock, formerly of the firm of Watson & Ross began business on his own account less than three years ago. He was then in fair circumstances but his career since has been downward, chiefly owing to his habits. He assigned in trust and his stock was sold for the benefit of creditors.

MR. JOHN DADE, of Beeton, began business in a general store in 1878 and did a large trade. At that time his habits were good. Mr. Kemp, a practical man was admitted as a partner last spring, and their prospects were then very fair. The senior partner has neglected business and lately left for parts unknown. His sister issued a writ in order to recover money advanced him some time ago. Mr. Kemp is about to assign for the benefit of creditors generally.