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Mercantile Summary.

THE name of the Hamilton Motor Company, of Peterborough, has been changed to the Colonial Motor Co., limited.

THE Dominion Government has granted a charter to the St. Lawrence Steamship Co., limited, Quebec; capital, \$100,000. They will buy and build steamers, and engage in the business of running them for freight and passengers, and will also acquire or erect docks to aid in this purpose. Among the incorporators are, G. McL. Webster, Montreal, and J. C. Kaine and D. H. Geggie, of Quebec.

THE J. H. Still Manufacturing Co., limited, is applying to the Dominion Government for incorporation for the purpose of taking over the business of Jas. Henry Still, in the township of Yarmouth, Ont., who has been engaged in the manufacture of woodenware, tools and agricultural implements. The capital stock is \$99,000, of which \$80,000 is fully paid up by the transfer to the company of the above-named party's lands and stock in

THERE is talk of a combination of the railway companies of Canada and the United States, having for its object the maintenance of something like a reasonable equilibrium in the price of steel rails, so important an item in railroad working expenses. Rail manufacturers, it would appear, have been asking as much as \$35 for their goods, but if the companies would only act together in the matter, it is believed they could get the price down to \$20.

Two reduction plants are shortly to be established near Greenwood. One, owned by the British Columbia Copper Co. will be worked by a method similar to that employed at the Granby works, and will have a capacity of 300 tons per day. The other will carry on operations under what is known as the Standard new combined hot-and-cold-blast pyritic furnace system. The ore to be treated being of the same class, considerable interest is manifested in the question as to which system will be found most economical.

ADVANCE sheets of the Ontario Gazette contain notice of incorporation of the following companies: The Calvert & Dwyer Co., limited, Toronto, capital stock \$100.-000, they will buy and deal in wool, hair, skin, hides and leather, and the provisional directors are, J. O. Buchanan and Jas. L. Morrison, of Toronto, and C. E. Calvert, of Deer Park; the Canadian Litholite Co., limited, Owen Sound, capital, \$50,ooo, of which the purpose is to construct and deal in articles of which Portland cement forms a component part; the Mississaga Lumber Co., limited, Hamilton, capital, \$72,000, provisional directors will be H. S. Brennen, W. J. McDonald and W. P. Bull; the Lucan Milling Co., limited, Lucan; capital, \$20,000; and the Superior Printing Co., of Fort William, limited, with a capital of \$40,000, and of which the provisional directors are T. W. Rutledge, David Smith, F. E. Trautman, Jas. McLaren and F. R. Morris, all of Fort William.

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