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Mercantile Summary.

THE returns of the Galt, Preston and Hespeler Railway for December showed that 15,000 passengers and 7,500 tons of freight were carried.

THE Ontario Government has given \$6,000 to the Indian Famine Relief Fund. The number of people needing relief is very great and their condition pitiful in the extreme.

PARTIES from Missouri and Iowa were in Berlin last week looking for a site on which to start a factory for making chemical fire extinguishers, patented in the Dominion.

E. C. MOORE, formerly a resident of St. John has been appointed to represent the famous iron and steel firm, Carnegie, Phipps & Co., of Homestead, Pennsylvania, in London, Eng. land.

MR. GEORGE H. TAYLOR, of this city, goes to London, England, there to represent the Gurney Foundry Company. He is to be dined and presented with a testimonial at Webb's to-night.

MR. B. E. WALKER gave it as his opinion, lecturing at Hamilton the other evening, that "if most of the men now in shops and businesses of a mercantile nature were to go on farms, there would be absolutely nothing the matter with the country."

MR. DAVID A. PENDER, late of the firm of Foster, Pender & Co., and at one time an accountant in Glasgow, has opened an office at 28 Wellington street east, in this city, where he is to be found by those who desire his services as accountant, auditor or assignee.

IN Toronto, John Hall, dealer in men's furnishing goods, has assigned. Up to the fall of 1895 he was manager for J. M. Treble. Six months ago he claimed to have a stock of \$3,000, with \$1,500 unpaid on the same. Beside this, he had a small equity in his residence.

THE Sherbrooke, Que., *Examiner* says: The snow at last is decidedly welcome. The operations of lumbering and the hauling of fire wood and pulp wood have been almost at a standstill for a month for the want of good sleighing, and this state of things has been pretty general throughout the province.

THE Brookfield Mining Company has been incorporated. The applicants are Wilbur L. Libbey and Elijah H. Harding, Brookfield Mines, Nova Scotia, miners; William S. Tupper, Bridgewater, banker; Robert A. Logan, Bridgewater, merchant, and Hebron A. Libbey, of Boston, broker. The capital stock is \$500,000.

THE strike of the miners at the Springhill, N.S., mines is not a trifling matter. The cold causes much suffering in some miners' homes, for no coal is allowed the strikers. The road bed of the unused railway between Oxford and Springhill is ballasted with coal dust and this is being used by them. The fire in the east slope gives trouble, grave fears for this slope are entertained, and also that the west slope with which it is connected is in danger.

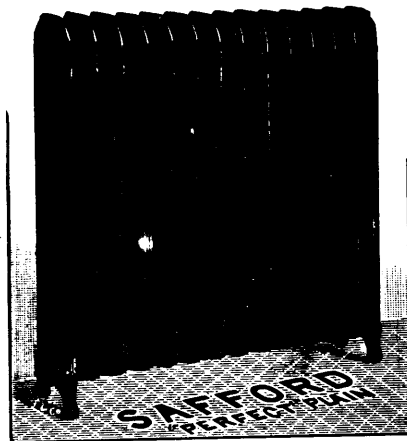
THE manager of the Ever Ready Dress Stay Company, of Windsor, known to his friends as Steve Bowling, is a popular man. We observe an evidence of his popularity in the fact that a piece of music, entitled the "Ever Ready Two Step," has been written by a Western gentleman and dedicated to Mr. Bowling. This is being played by the theatre orchestras of Canada; any one desiring a copy should send a three cent stamp to Mr. Bowling. The latter has further commended himself to his business friends by distributing among them neat little morocco memorandum books.

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