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THE St. Thomas Street Railway Co. have completed negotiations whereby the line passes into the hands of the Radial Railway Company. The latter company, which is headed by E. H. Caughill, promises to have a line in operation between St. Thomas and Port Stanley by July 1st, 1901.

Two new railways in Nova Scotia are to be put into operation this year. The Midland, between Windsor and Truro, is merely awaiting the completion of the large bridge over the Shubenacadie river, and the railway will be running toward the first of November. The Inverness Richmond Railway will be in operation next summer. The construction has been rapidly pushed by the contractor. In July the train will run between Port Hastings and Port Hood. The line will be extended to Broad Cove immediately. —Maritime Merchant.

AN American paper, the Spokesman-Review, of Spokane, Washington, in speaking of the Granby smelter, in British Columbia, says: "The smelter is working to perfection, and not a hitch has occurred to mar its success. But one furnace has been blown in, it being expected to get the other working soon. The ore furnace's capacity is 250 tons daily, but nearly 275 tons is being put through owing to the self-fluxing character of the ore. The ore being operated on comes from the Old Ironsides mine, and the resultant matte runs from 45 to 50 per cent. in copper.

A GENTLEMAN, from abroad, dining at the Queen's Hotel, in Toronto, remarked, as he read the wine list: "Why do you leave your own Canadian wines the very last on the list? Are you ashamed of them, or how do you expect to get people's attention to them? They ought to be first on the list at your hotels. In our country we put our own wines first, and the imported ones after." There is something in the remark. Canadians do not think enough, or know enough, of the value of their own wines and other products in comparison with those of other countries. Foreigners admit that Canada makes good wine.

THE embarrassment is noted of Michaud & Gauvin, retailers of dry goods, in the city of Quebec. Michaud was previously in business alone, failing in 1896, when he arranged a settlement at 65 cents, and the present firm was then formed. An assignment has now been made upon the demand of The Gault Bros. Co., and liabilities are stated at \$30,000, with estimated assets of \$25,000. —J. V. Veintraube, a clothier, of the same city, is reported absent, and a considerable proportion of his stock is said to be missing. He was recently reported as trying to compromise with creditors in Montreal, and is said to have figured, not altogether favorably, in connection with the much-criticized failure of M. Bernstein, clothing manufacturer, of that city, a brother-in-law. —J. A. Spenard, grocer, of Quebec, who started in 1898, after a fair clerking experience, has assigned and assets are to be sold. He owes \$3,300.

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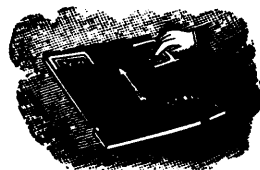
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