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COMMERCIAL SUMMARY.

Twenty-two newspapers in the state of Kansas are edited by women.

The Sandwich Savings Bank at Sandwich, Conn., has closed its doors.

Wash McNair, an extensive horse dealer of Chambersburg, Pa., has assigned. Liabilities over \$40,000.

The Right Hon. Edward Bulwer-Lytton, G. C. B., British Ambassador to France, died at Paris Nov. 21.

The Kingston dry dock has already 10 applications for accommodation, three of which are from the Cibola, Campana and Chicora.

The unusual spectacle is offered in Boston of a daughter, Carrie A. Holmes, suing her father, Henry W. Smith, the organ manufacturer, for something like \$20,000, which she put into his business.

Simon St. Michael, paying teller in the St. Catharine Street branch of the Banque du Peuple, Montreal, and A. C. Levesque, ledger keeper in the City and District Savings Bank, have fled from that city, leaving defaulters to the amount of \$8,000.

The Board of Trade is wisely protesting against the too general ignoring of our lumber in Australia by classing British Columbia's splendid Douglas fir woods under the name of "Oregon pine." The same designation is also generally applied in England to cover our timber products, and there leading lumber men in consequence mistakenly imagine that our wood products are inferior instead of superior to those of the American State.—Ledger.

The British North Atlantic squadron has reached winter quarters at Bermuda.

A company is being organized in Halifax to run a line of freight steamers to London and Liverpool.

The number of miners on strike in the department of Pas de Calais, France, has already reached 15,200.

The woollen mill of John Speirs, of Jamieson, near Almonte, has been advertised for sale under mortgage.

The Ottawa city council have awarded a contract to the Gutta Percha and Rubber Manufacturing Co., of Toronto, for 1,000 feet of 2½-inch cotton lined hose.

The Charlottetown woollen mill, which was burnt down some time ago, has been rebuilt, and is now known as the Mackay Woollen Co., Mr. W. D. Mackay being manager. The mill is running on tweeds, blankets and flannels.

The steamer Fasnet has been seized at Halifax by the marshal of the vice-admiralty court, at the instance of the Island Navigation company, who claim \$10,000 damages for the loss of the Heather Bell in the recent collision between the two vessels.

The asbestos belt of the province of Quebec is proving to be the greatest in the world, both in extent and quality of fibre, and each year some new field is being opened up. A mine has just been discovered in the parish of Cleveland, from which fibre an inch and a half long is taken and the product is valued a \$290 a ton.

The malt house of the Windsor Brewing Co. has been destroyed by fire. Loss, \$5,000.

The bankrupt stock of Fortier, Royer & Belleau, dry goods merchants, Quebec, amounting to \$24,004, was bought by Gaspard Rochette at 63½ cents in the dollar, and the book debts by Chas. Bergevin at 27 cents.

The abolition, by the C. P. R., of the local trains to Vancouver has been deeply regretted by the people of Westminster who fully appreciate the comforts of railway travelling as compared with other means of "getting there" and they would gladly welcome a return to the old system, which they hope to see working again before long.

Mr. Cochrane, manager of the Canmore Coal Company, Canadian Northwest Territories, has just had a conference, with Admiral Hotham, of the Pacific squadron, with regard to the use of Canmore coal by Her Majesty's ships on the Esquimalt station. The test made by some of the vessels of the fleet last fall proved the product of the mines to be almost, if not quite, equal to the Welsh now used as a producer of steam. It is believed that the Canmore coal will be used by the ships of the Pacific squadron, but for the present the freight rates from the mine to Vancouver are a shilling higher than by sailing ship from Cardiff, so that until new arrangements are made the Welsh article will be as cheap as the Canadian article. At present the Canmore mines are turning out from 50 to 60 tons per day, but that capacity will soon be increased to 100 tons and upwards.—Coal Trade Journal.