

## Mercantile Summary

A sale of Hudson's Bay Company reserve lots took place in Edmonton last week and netted \$300,000. Great interest was taken in the proceedings.

The Vermilion Forks Mining and Development Company will shortly begin the development of their coal properties at Princeton, in order to be in a position to market the product as soon as the new railroad reaches that point.

There seems to be a possibility that the Ontario Asphalt Block Company will remove to Stratford, Ont., that city having made tempting inducements, and owing to the high freight charges to and from Walkerville where the company at present is located.

"Commercial Centre," the name by which M. A. Pigott's three story office building in Hamilton was to have been known, on Wednesday evening last suddenly collapsed, the cause no doubt, being the excavation for a new building next door. Fortunately no one was hurt.

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**COUNTIES** Grey and Bruce collections made on  
commission, lands valued and sold, notices served.  
A general financial business transacted. Leading loan  
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## The ONTARIO LOAN & DEBENTURE CO. Of London, Canada.

Subscribed Capital	\$2,000,000
Paid-up Capital	1,200,000
Reserve Fund	625,000
Total Assets	3,925,918
Total Liabilities	2,033,757

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interest can be collected at any agency of Molsons Bank  
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London, Ontario, 1905.

The Dominion Copper Company has begun to make shipments of ore from the Brooklyn mine, near Phoenix, B.C., to its smelter at Boundary Falls.

The Big Dipper Mining and Milling Company, Limited, Peterborough, Ontario, capital \$2,500,000, has received an Ontario charter empowering it to carry on a mining, milling, reducing and developing business.

The Silver Gulch Mining and Prospecting Company, Limited, has been incorporated with a share capital of \$75,000 for the purpose of acquiring certain mining locations in the township of Ingram, Northern Ontario, and engaging in mining, milling and development operations.

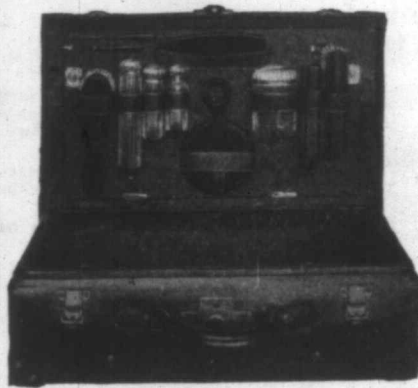
The Nickel Plate mine mill at Hedley, B. C., is to be increased in size from forty to one hundred stamps, as there are large reserves of ore believed to be sufficient to keep the latter number running. It is said to be the intention of the owners to erect a smelter, and in order to keep it running, they are now purchasing and developing additional copper properties.

A Minneapolis syndicate has just purchased the land grant of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway Company, a Canadian branch of the Great Northern Railway, comprising 433,000 acres. A large proportion of the land is claimed to be excellent for settlement for agricultural and horticultural purposes, and steps are being taken to classify, cut up the various tracts, and dispose of them to settlers.

A notable feature of the returns for Trail district of British Columbia is the number of mines which have for the first time entered the list of shippers, at least of lead bearing ores. They are: The Arizona, B. C., and Tilbury, Crescent, Greenwood; Goldfinch, Native Silver Belle, Nettie M., Sharp, Goat Mountain; Strathmore and Sirdar. The output of ore for all the mines last month was 2,313,682 pounds, and of lead 944,852 pounds.

The variety of brands of Scotch whiskey has become a joke, but the quantity of that seductive fluid produced of late years is no joke, for the total on hand at the last compilation of statistics was 121,788,039 gallons, or say three million barrels. There was an increased stock shown during the latest year, and the increase was altogether in the lower grades. This means that more is being consumed of the higher grades.

The following patents have been granted by the United States Government to Canadian inventors: 803,562, flue-cleaner, G. W. Dean; 803,620, prospector's pick and axe, J. McMahon; 803,641, wrench pipe jaw, E. Thompson and T. A. Brown; 803,725, automatic valve-actuator, C. A. Sullivan and E. J. Woodison; 803,804, cutter-blade, P. F. Bolton; 804,029, wire-working machine, International Automatic Machine Co.; 804,187, voting-machine, A. A. Farwell; 803,955, mail-marking machine, J. B. Young.



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