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Second Day of July next.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 20th to the 30th proximo, both days inclusive.

By order of the Directors.

Toronto, 20th May, 1903. ERNEST S. BALL, Manager.

Mercantile Summary.

The Bell Skirt Company opened business in Guelph, Ont., in February, 1902. They had previously carried on business at Port Huron, but were burned out in November, 1901, receiving \$1,200 insurance money. A meeting of their creditors was held the other day, at which an offer of compromise was made at the rate of 35c. on the dollar. This proposition seems likely to be accepted. The statement shows liabilities of \$2,430, and assets of \$1,033.

Accounting for the fact that the value of French bar steel imported into the Dominion suddenly rose from 20,000 francs in 1901, to 450,000 francs last year, "Commercial Intelligence" says: This phenomenal rise in the course of one year the Consul accounts for by the visit to Canada in 1902, of one of the leading French steel manufacturers, who successfully disposed of his goods. It is stated that those steel shipments from France have given much satisfaction in Canada, and are likely to lead to more extensive orders for the present year.

PATENTS have been granted to Canadian inventors in Canada and the United States as follows: Canadian Patents-J. A. McPherson, hockey boots; H. T. Baker, machine for making stair pads; P. Grenier, hay presses; J. L. Campbell, cattle guards; J. K. Patton combined display and advertising stands; J. D. Mc-Arthur, damp or waterproof adhesive composition; W. Holdsworth, shrinking machine; O. S. Martin, topping beets; P. G. Dietrich, metal beds; L. D. Fraser, portable hoisting apparatus; J. Miller, seed markers. United States Patents-D. Beaulin, automatic fire alarm; Harrison and G. Smith, disk ploughs; M. McHale, clutch.

Here is a copy of the command which has gone out from the United States Post Office Department: As a result of repeated requests by postmasters throughout the country for a ruling in the matter, this action has been taken. The ruling is as follows: "A husband has no right to receive the mail addressed to his wife against her wishes. As to the mail addressed to the children, the father has the prior right to receive it unless there be some particular circumstances in the case which the department might take into consideration on a statement of the facts being presented."

THE prospects of a good Labrador fishery do not look very bright at the present time. Only about half the fleet have left for the coast, and nearly all are harbored at Seldom-Come-By and ports on the French shore, waiting a change of wind. Under favorable weather conditions the catch is likely to be below the average this season, owing to the fact that so many schooners are lying up for want of crews. The fishermen are consoled by the fact that "the less men are at the fishery the better the price." They say it is not a bad indication of a prosperous fishery to have the ice hanging around the coast late in June, as the fish

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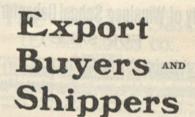
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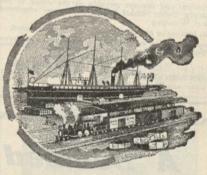
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generally strike in in great abundance as soon as the twine can be safely put down.—St. John's Telegram, 16th June.

St. Stephen, N.B., is considering a plan to purchase the local water-works system. It is suggested by some that that town, together with Milltown and Calais, should form a joint company to supply themselves and neighboring places with light and water.