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Mercantile Summary.

In the six months since January 1, 1889. there have been but 296 strikes of workmen in the United States; in the first half of 1888 there were 389.

THE Montreal offices of the Confederation Life Association have been removed to one of the handsome apartments in Nordheimer's new block, No. 207 St. James street.

MESSRS. INNES & RICHARDS, dealers in real estate at Vancouver, have sent us a copy of The West Shore, mainly devoted to the commercial and manufacturing interests of that city.

A NEW steamer called the "Princess Beatrice" has arrived at Halifax for a company which places her on the route between P. E. Island, the eastern ports of Nova Scotia, and Halifax.

TRURO, N.S., has voted a subsidy of \$30,000 to the Hants Central Railway scheme, which is to connect that town with the Windsor and Annapolis railway at Windsor, and will open up a very fertile country that now suffers for want of railway facilities.

In Cawood Township, near the Gatineau River, Mr. Haywood, of Ottawa, has explored a property, lot 22 on 1st Range, on which he finds six openings showing large mica crystals of good quality. On lots 17 and 18 there is a good show of the same mineral.

"GIVE me," said an examiner in philosophy, "an example of fiction founded on fact?" It was a wide awake western lad who replied: "A lady's bustle." We understand that Messrs. Brush & Co., manufacturers of Ball's corsets, corner Bay and Adelaide streets in this city, have bought out the firm of Glynn & Co., makers of the "Pansy" bustle, which it is no fiction to say gives substantial satisfaction to buvers.

