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## Mercantile Summary.

MR. C. A. PIPON, passenger agent for Ontario of the International Mercantile Marine Company, which comprises several of the large trans-atlantic steamship lines, has removed his office to the King Edward Hotel building, Toronto, this being deemed a more suitable location for an up-to-date ticket office.

MR. DOOLEY 1S of the opinion that "people don't have anny throuble with their digestions fr'm atin'. "Tis thinkin' makes dyspepsy; worryin' about th' rint is twinty times worse f'r a man's stomach thin plum puddin'. What's worse still is worryin' about dygestion. Whin a man gets to doin' that all th' oats between here and Council Bluffs won't save him." Mr. Hennessy replies: "Joyce tells me his breakfast food has made him as strong as a horse." "It ought to," said Mr. Dooley. "Him an' a horse have th' same food."

"HE is said to owe about six thousand dollars." This is what we heard this week about Gustave Richard, who began in the drug line in Sherbrooke, Que., three years ago under favorable conditions, has become involved, and is making a proposition to pay his creditors 25c. on the dollar.—An offer of 50 cents is also being made by Joseph Perron, general dealer, of Riviere a Pierre, Que., who has been in a moderate way of general business since 1886, but has latterly not been found prompt. He owes \$2,300.

ABOUT two weeks ago, employees of the Extension coal mines, Nanaimo, B.C., held a mass meeting at Ladysmith and voted against a proposal to ask for a 15 per cent. increase in their pay, but resolved to organize as a union affiliated with the Western Federation of Miners. Two days afterwards, to the astonishment of everyone, a notice was posted to the effect that from the 1st of April next, the mines will be closed down. This step, taken at a time when the demade for coal is exceptionally good, is looked upon as a sign of the dislike of Mr. Dunsmuir, the president, to having his men joining a foreign organization.

THE Dominion Iron and Steel Company are making considerable enlargements to their works at Sydney. By October 1st they expect to see the completion of three mills for the manufacture of finished products, including factories for making rods and plates and structural steel. Instead of manufacturing largely for the export trade, as was the company's original intention, it will devote itself, from present prospects, for many years to come, to catering to the home market. Two hundred and fifty coke ovens are also in course of construction. A lime kiln is nearing complction, and another improvement, which is being made, is the addition of a mixer or receptacle for holding molten pig iron. New labor-saving devices are being installed in almost every department.

