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Mercantile Summary

THE Star Steamship Company have just purchased a new boat for the route between Gagetown and Fredericton.

FROM Hull, Que., we learn of the insolvency of E. E. St. Jean, who began as a grocer in June last. Originally he was a grocery clerk in Ottawa, and subsequently he did business for a short time in that city as a manufacturers' agent.

J. FLANAGAN, dry goods merchant at Moncton, N.B., whose affairs have been in complicated shape for several months past, with frequent suits and judgments recorded against him, has written his creditors making an offer of 60 cents, secured, payable in four quarterly installments. This has not been generally accepted, some of those interested evidently thinking he should pay more. His liabilities are stated at about \$30,000.

THERE is on exhibition at the House of Commons, Ottawa, before being sent to the St. Louis Exposition, a large plate glass model, prepared by E. R. Faribault and J. A. Robert, of the Canadian Geological Survey, to illustrate the mode of occurrence of gold in one of the forty-nine gold mining districts of Nova Scotia. This is of great interest in connection with the bill passed last session by the Government of that province to assist in the sinking of shafts from the surface to a vertical depth of not exceeding 2,000 feet.

R. A. ALLEY & Company, of Tacoma, Wash., will inaugurate in July next a direct freight and passenger steamship service between Vancouver and Puget Sound and Australian and New Zealand ports. At first, the service will be every six weeks, and the port of Honolulu, and perhaps that of Suva (Fiji Islands) will be touched at. The first vessel to be placed on the route will be the British steamship, "Maori King." Negotiations are now going on with the Dominion Government for the payment of a subsidy. In future, the steamers also of the Canadian-Australian line will call at Auckland, N.Z., and Brisbane, Queensland, will be cut out.

ACCORDING to an illustration, the Canadian Building at the St. Louis Exposition of 1904 is a square two-story building with a verandah all around its ground floor. In the second story are four large bays, with semi-circular arches, looking to the four cardinal points of the compass, and above the spandrels of these arches the word "CANADA" in large letters. There are innumerable wooden posts and flagstaves in the construction of the verandah, while the cornice and turrets are "fairly ornamental" with wood, if the expression is allowable. But this may be because the architect, or the commissioner, or the Government, or all of them were resolved that a good display of our varieties of Canadian woods should be made on that occasion.

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