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WORK is being pushed on the new  
Midland bridge, over the Shubenacadie  
river.

THE Frontier Steamboat Company has  
decided to build a new boat to go on the  
St. Croix river route next spring.

AN American syndicate has taken over  
control of the copper deposits on the St.  
George's river, near Bras d'Or, C.B.,  
and will proceed to develop them.

THE Chatham Loan and Savings Co.  
has declared a dividend at the rate of six  
per cent. per annum for the current  
half-year, ending with December.

It is expected that the new shops,  
which the Great Northern Railway  
Company are building at Port Arthur,  
will be fully equipped and in operation  
by the end of this year.

THE two railways at Rosslyn, the  
Great Northern and the Canadian Pacific,  
have now joined tracks, thus greatly  
has been rivalry between the two roads.  
facilitating shipments. For years there

ON Monday night last, the bars in the  
rear of McRae Bros.' grocery, at  
Kingston, were broken off, and burglars  
entered the building. They broke open  
the safe, taking \$450, including cheques.

THE Saguenay Lumber Company, of  
Victoriaville, Que., composed of Messrs.  
A. Mercier, of Port Dalhousie, Ont.; F.  
C. Dudley and C. W. Morton, of Port-  
land, Me., has purchased 550 square  
miles of pine and spruce timber limits on  
the St. Lawrence, and intend building  
next summer a sawmill and pulp mill on  
Escoumin's Bay.

A MERCHANT who is alleged by differ-  
ent witnesses to have threatened to "fool  
his creditors," and who disposed of his  
business with that apparent intent, was  
brought before Police Magistrate Deni-  
son, at Toronto, a week ago. This man  
is Malcolm Gray, of Orangeville, and  
was committed for trial. He says his  
wife is in the States, and has the pro-  
ceeds of the sale of his stock (it was  
sold on 18th October, it appears, to  
Brett & Leighton, for \$9,600), and other  
means, making up some \$15,000. Gray  
will, perhaps, find that defrauding his  
creditors in so barefaced a way is not so  
easy as he thought.

THE general store business of J. H.  
Parker & Co., at Waverley, was taken  
over by his brother, W. J. Parker, in  
July, 1899. A year later, W. J. submitted  
a statement showing a surplus in busi-  
ness of \$1,300, and an equal amount in  
real estate; but it is doubtful if this sur-  
plus existed, for he then owed \$2,300 on  
stock. His real estate was mortgaged  
for \$1,600. Now his assignment is an-  
nounced.—In the early part of 1890,  
Charles Knechtel started a harness shop  
in Wingham. He now finds it necessary  
to assign.—So does George E. Fax,  
tailor, of Belleville. Up to January,  
1896, he had been employed as cutter at  
a salary of \$20 per week. Evidently he  
did not know when he was well off.

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