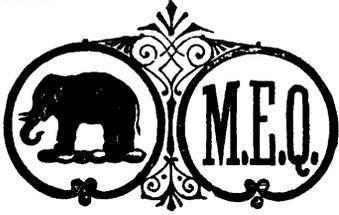


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**Mercantile Summary.**

The fruit cargo of the steamship "Barcelona," consisting of lemons and oranges, is to be sold at auction in Montreal on her arrival, about 1st May.

The government cable connecting Campobello and Grand Manan, N. B., with the mainland has been broken since January. Is it not about time it was mended?

Mr. W. WAGNER, ex-M. P. P., a member of the swamp lands commission, for Manitoba, is said to have reported about 70,000 acres of swamp land in the province.

The Nova Scotia assembly has passed a bill to incorporate the Nictaux Mills Company, limited, one to incorporate the New Glasgow Electric Co., limited, and one to enable the municipality of Antigonish to borrow money to purchase a steam fire engine. They were sent on Friday last to the select committee on bills and will probably become law.

The firm of David W. Hogg & Co. has lately opened a new dry goods shop on the principal street of Stratford. The senior member of the firm is a son of Mr. Hogg, of Guelph, in which city he was brought up to the business. The shop is well stocked with staples, dress goods, millinery, carpets, &c., on various floors, and is one of the attractive stores of Ontario street.

Owing to the failure, a short time ago, of Thos. Houston & Co., in this city, several tailors who had been customers of that house have fallen into financial difficulty. Among them are J. B. Hicks, of London, who it is likely will be sold out and the business closed. Bowes and Macfarlane in this city have compromised at 50 per cent. C. M. Nicol, of Brantford, has induced his creditors to accept 50 cents in the dollar.

RECENT developments make a revival probable of phosphate mining in Burgess township on a large scale. Hitherto, few pits have been more than forty or fifty feet deep. Recently the purchasers of the old Anthony mine, determined to sink on one of the pits for 120 feet and to drift 100 feet each way. And now, says the Perth *Expositor*, at the depth of a 100 feet they have struck a vein of beautiful phosphate over five feet wide, about 150 tons being already taken out from it. There are about 45 men at work on the Adams lots on Otty Lake, for the Anglo Canadian Superphosphate Co. They have put in a large boiler and engine, pumps, steam drills, &c., and also intend to sink deep. The success of these deep workings will probably lead to renewed min-