

OUR SAINT JOHN LETTER.

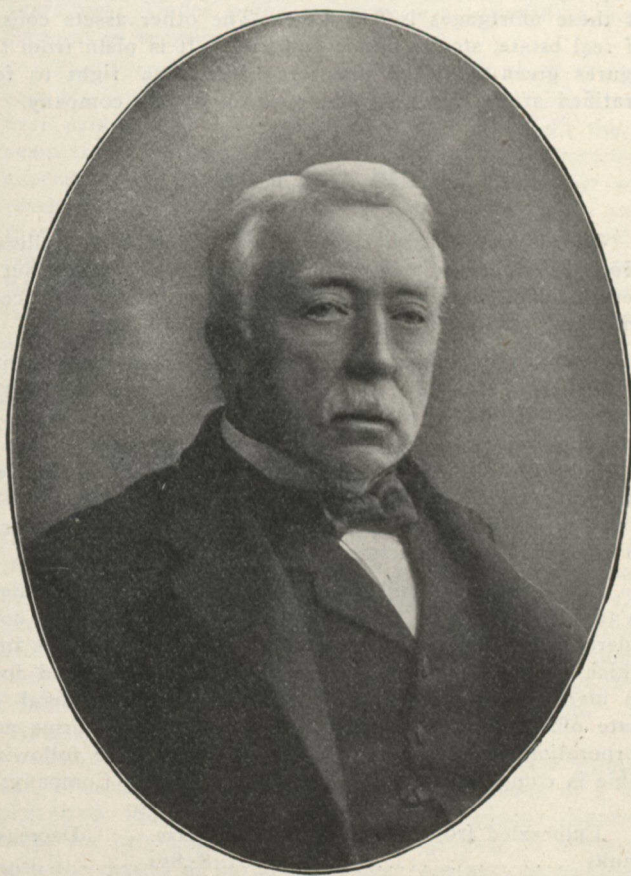
A project that looms large—much larger in all probability than it will when actually in working order—is that for the utilization of the water power at Grand Falls. On many different occasions there have been reports that this valuable privilege, probably the best in Canada with the exception of Niagara, was to be utilized, but nothing tangible ever came of the reports. Now a syndicate of United States capitalists, including Barton E. Kingman, of New York, and Frederic Sayles, of Providence, have placed in the hands of the Provincial Government the sum of \$20,000 as a guarantee of good faith, and declare their intention to spend between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000 in carrying out their plans. It is said there can be developed between forty and fifty thousand horse-power in the dryest season. Of course, the water will be used to generate electricity, and this, in turn, is to operate a big plant for the manufacture of ferromanganese from bog ores, which have been found in enormous quantities in several counties in the Province. There is also talk of pulp, paper and saw mills; the transmission of electricity for power and lighting to places for many miles

Even in the city of St. John the snow has occasioned great expense. Many thousands of dollars have been expended by the city corporation and street railway in cleaning snow from the streets, and still there are many sections in which the banks along the roadway are higher than a man's head.

A number of St. John merchants have been done by an American giving the name of Victor Lloyd, who secured advertisements for an illustrated booklet he promised to print and distribute. By means of the proof sheets he managed to collect nearly all the accounts and skipped, leaving his book in the printer's hands, and the printer unpaid. Lloyd and his wife also ran a number of bills for jewellery, wearing apparel, etc. As far as can be learned they made a pretty good sum during their brief stay here.

Messrs. Phillips Bros., boot and shoe dealers, on Main Street, St. John, have decided to remove to the United States, and have sold their business to James N. Russell, who is already carrying on an extensive business on Main Street.

Frank White, who conducts the largest restaurant, confectionery and ice cream business in St. John is preparing to add to his premises by taking in the upper floors of the



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around. There is also talk of operating by electricity from this plant the new International Railway now being built from Campbellton, on the Bay Chaleur, to the international boundary, near Grand Falls. It is expected that some legislation in connection with the new enterprise will be put through at the coming session of the Legislature, and that construction work will be commenced during the present summer. The money held by the Government will be forfeited if the company fails to carry out its obligations, but the country has not yet learned what the terms are.

The snow blockade on the different railroads throughout the Maritime Provinces during the present winter has occasioned great loss to the wholesale merchants. All the smaller places have been cut off from outside connection, and it has been impossible for travellers to reach them, or for merchants to get their goods to them. Many a dealer in the outlying sections has countermanded orders given, and the trade that has been lost will never be regained. The country merchants don't want goods, because it is practically impossible for people living in the country to leave their farms and travel, so blocked are the roads.

building adjoining his present stand. This will enable him to about double the capacity of his dining-room.

During the storm on Sunday three big scows broke adrift from Gregory's Pond and went to sea. All were lost. One of these was loaded with coal for the Cushing pulp mill, and it is believed to have sunk.

Messrs. Emerson & Fisher, who have just built a fine big store on Germain Street, have put their business into a joint stock company, with a capital stock of \$150,000. One of the firm's trusted employees, F. R. Murray, becomes a partner.

W. H. Brown and A. L. Brown, of Massachusetts; T. W. Barnes and W. J. Brown, Hampton, and Geo. C. Weldon, St. John, are seeking incorporation as the Canada Woodenware Company, with a capital of \$24,000. They intend going into business at Hampton, in King's County.

Messrs. D. C. Clinch, R. W. W. Frink, Chas. W. Brannen, Thos. A. Linton, and Hon. H. A. McKeown are asking for incorporation as "The Mowry Safety Nut Company," to purchase, sell and manufacture nuts and bolts. The capital