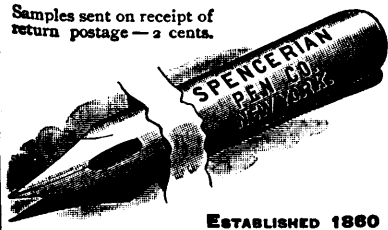


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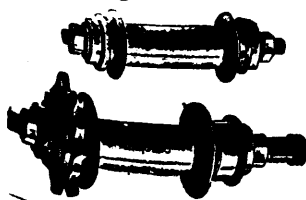
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McFARLANE & McLACLAN, general store-keepers at Hall's Siding, B.C., in 1895 purchased the branch store of R. Grant & Co. They have assigned within a few days.

THE authorities of the Windsor Foundry which suffered so heavily in the recent fire that almost destroyed Windsor, have decided upon rebuilding their plant on a scale larger and more complete than before.

WORD comes from Montreal that the Dominion Cotton Mills Company is about to cease the use of steam for power purposes. On Saturday last, we are told, they gave a contract to the Lachine Rapids Hydraulic Company, by which the latter will supply electricity for power for a period of twenty years.

AFTER having been in business as furniture dealers in Petrolea for twelve years, Endress Bros. have assigned. Owing to their disposition to overtrade, they have always been financially cramped.—James Stanton has been postmaster and grocer at Port Dalhousie a long time, but never accumulated much property. He has made an assignment.

NEARLY the whole of the output of the Manitoba creameries this year, exceeding in value that of 1896 by \$105,000, was sold for consumption west of Port Arthur.

GOING to press on Wednesday evening, by reason of the holiday yesterday, we did not learn the result of the voting by Winnipeg property-owners on the 24th on a by-law to raise \$700,000 for installing of a new system of water works by artesian wells. The directors of the old Water Works Company will double the water rates charged the city for flushing the sewers and watering streets. They also threaten, if the by-law is carried, to advance rates to private users 75 per cent.

THE B. C. Mining Critic, commenting on the bargain reached between the owners of the Pilot Bay smelter property and Messrs. Braden Brothers, says that Messrs. Braden have taken a lease of the property with an option for the purchase of it within a certain time. It is, therefore, probable that before long the works will again be in full operation.

A LUMBER transaction of considerable amount is reported from Nova Scotia. The timber lands of Hill, French & Co., lumber operators at Musquodoboit Harbor, have been transferred to a syndicate represented by D. B. Cummings, of Truro, and Fulton Logan, of Stewiacke. The lands sold are understood to comprise about 25,000 acres of wooded lands, with a milling plant and water power at Musquodoboit Harbor. The price paid is said to have been \$50,000 or thereabout.

A RECENT paragraph about the Montreal, Ottawa, and Georgian Bay canal speaks quite grandly about the prospects of this project. Some English capitalists, it is declared, have "interested themselves in the scheme," while contractors and a consulting engineer have been approached, and matters are painted quite rosily. It is to cost a trifle of fifteen millions, but this does not deter the vigorous promoter. It is even said that "the work of construction is to be vigorously entered upon as soon as the weather permits next spring, and will be completed within three years,"—more or less, we presume.

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