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"BOW PARK" FARM,

Brantford, - - Ontario.

Mercantile Summary

WE learn that the Amherstburg firm of D. Trotter & Son, for many years buccessful grocers, have disposed of their business to Messrs. Lovegrove & Scratch. These are young men, well known in the neighborhood and full of energy.

THE Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company has finally decided to locate the blast furnaces at Sydney Mines. This decision was formally announced on Saturday by Graham Fraser, managing director of the company. Work on the construction of the furnace will be begun at once.

The dry goods stock of Grand & Son, Brantford, amounting to about \$26,000, will be sold on Wednesday next in this city.—The general stock of T. J. Metheral at Singhampton realized 57 per cent., and the general stock of G. C. Bristow, at Aylmer, Ont., brought 60 per cent.

It is reported that the Dominion Coal Company has closed a five year contract with the Canadian Pacific Railway for a minimum of 500,000 tons of coal, with a maximum of 800,000 tons per annum, at an increase of 35 cents a ton. The existing contract, which expires next year, calls for 250,000 tons a year.

In December last, C. McDonald & Co. succeeded to the grocery business of R. J. Gallagher, at Winnipeg, paying \$500 cash on a purchase of \$1,600. Mrs. McDonald kept the shop, but she was not long in discovering her mistake in attempting it and now makes an assignment.-Last month we noted the troubles of the Rublee Fruit Co., Limited, in the same city. Now they, too, assign.—Formerly in business in Cobourg some years ago, James A. Scougall and his brother, Andrew G., went out to Vancouver, and began a dry goods business in September, 1898. Being ambitious to do a large trade, they continued to increase their stock until now, when business is very dull there, they are overloaded, and have had to assign, owing about \$60,000.

THE Trent Valley Peat Fuel Co., Peterboro, was incorporated three years ago, with an authorized capital of half a million dollars. Of this, only \$375,000 was subscribed, and \$58,500 paid thereon. This sum appears to have been expended in plant development. Now it it is understood that the company owe about \$40,000, and that there is a lien on the machinery. An assignment has been made, and no doubt at an early date an effort will be made in reorganization .-After he had taught school for several years, a grocery was opened at Ingersoll by J. P. Archibald, in 1883, and for some time he apparently prospered. But latterly the reverse has been the case, and last fall creditors granted him an extension of time, but this was not sufficient, and he has assigned.

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