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Mercantile Summary.

A BOARD of Trade and a grist mill are two things needed in Carberry, Man., according to the Express, to put new life into the trade of the village.

THE fires went out in the small tank at the Sydenham Glass Works, Wallaceburg, at midnight, one day last week, and the factory has closed down until September 1st.

THE Intercolonial Railway employees are said to be very much exercised over a circular letter issued to them, by General Manager Pottinger, notifying them, by order of the Railway Department, that they must hereafter pay their legitimate debts or leave the service. This sort of notice ought not to disturb the average honest man.

WE have seen a press telegram, dated at the city of Mexico on July 8th, announcing the arrival at that city of Edmund E. Sheppard, commissioner from Canada to Mexico, and stating that a Canadian colony has been started on the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. "Que diable allont ils faire dans cette galere?"

WHAT may be termed a lesson in patriotism is contained in what was said by Hon. H. J. Hollister, of Michigan, in his address before the Congress of Charities and Correction in Toronto the other day. Referring in terms of eulogy to the Dominion, he said: "If I was a Canadian, I'd stay a Canadian." The sentiment was applauded to the echo by the great audience.

MR. C. A. DUFF-MILLER, who has recently been appointed agent-general for New Brunswick in London, comes in for a good word from the London Echo. That journal says that Mr. Duff-Miller has for a long time been prominently connected with the commercial and public life of his province, and owing to his energy the resources of New Brunswick are being brought to the notice of the English public more conspicuously than ever.

MR. MASSANA MAERA, of Tokio, has been appointed a special commissioner from Japan to visit Ottawa and deal with the matter of trade relations between the two countries. It is said that the Japanese Government is likely to lay claim to the treatment accorded under the preferential tariff, on the ground that the Japanese tariff is on the whole lower than our own. Mr. Maera is going to Ottawa to see the Government about that and other matters.

A MONTREAL letter tells us that by the published returns the immigration arrivals for June at that city included 2,374 Galicians, 113 English, 78 Germans, 78 Scandinavians, 87 French, 48 United States citizens, and 13 Irish, with smaller numbers from some other countries. The total was 2,842. Among these were 716 farmers, 137 farm laborers, 19 female servants and 16 clerks. In Manitoba 2,290 have settled, 526 in the North-West Territories, 25 in British Columbia, while but one went to the United States.

A LETTER from Montreal, announcing the death of J. J. Lanning, who succeeded Mr. Charles Percy as assistant general manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, was received too late for last issue. Almost thirty years ago he entered the Grand Trunk service, and by conscientious industry passed through various grades till he reached a high position. He was a deservedly popular official. Mr. Lanning had completed a history of the Grand Trunk sys-The Gurney Foundry Co., Limited tem, which will be added to the official historical records of the company.

> THE discovery of coal at Maccan, N.S., by the Springhill News of late dates. An area notified, as the vessel has sailed.

owned by Messrs. S. H. Holmes and J. A. Johnson, of Halifax, has been prospected by N. E. Charman, of Joggins; J. L. McKinnon and U. J. Weatherbee, of Springhill, who, after boring and searching since 25th May, discovered three workable seams, ranging from two feet six inches to five feet in thickness. The coal is said by the News to be a very superior hard coal, perfectly clean and easily mined.

Some parties were arrested a week ago at Stoneham, near Quebec city, for making illicit whisky. They had a somewhat extensive establishment in the northern parish for their business. Having built a large house in the bush, quite a distance from the settlement, they would have become prosperous in time, but they quar relled over the division of the profits, and one of the partners turned informer. There were five stills on the place, and vats of 1,000 gallons capacity, and they were making fifty gallons of the stuff a day, when the revenue officers got wind of their enterprise.

A NOVA SCOTIAN victory is chronicled in a June issue of the French journal, Le Laillier Modere : "The cutters' exchange of Paris, June 1-the literary committee-awarded their prizes for the best essay on gentlemen's garments open to all competitors. The winner of the first prize was J. E. Urquhart, of Canada. His work was highly appreciable beyond that of his opponents for his artistic ability and penmanship." Mr. Urquhart is a Pictou boy, according to the Halifax Chronicle, a bright and popular young cutter, who has distinguished himself among his sartorial friends. He is at present in charge of a tailoring establishment in Sydney, C.B.

CHARTERS of sea-going ships this week include, according to Halifax and St. John advices, the ship "J. V. Troop" from New York to Port Elizabeth, S.A., with a general cargo, at or about 19s.; barques, "Albania," from Sabine Pass to Buenos Ayres, with lumber at \$12; "Astrakana," from Puget Sound or Burrard Inlet to U. K. or continent, lumber, at 57s. 6d.; barquentine "Peerless," Baie des Chaleurs to New York, railway sleepers, 13 cents; S.S. "Wastewater," from Pugwash, N S., to west coast, England, deals, 42s. 6d.; S.S. "Elfrida," Musquash to W. C. E., deals, 42s. 6d.; S.S. "Strathmore," St. John, N.B., to W. C. E., deals, at 40 shillings.

WORD comes from Moncton that two considerable seizures were made last week in Albert county, New Brunswick, by customs officers. Information was received that an iron clipper from Greenock, Scotland, had sold a quantity of stores to different parties in Alma parish. An officer arriving, learned that the ship had sailed, but found a quantity of sugar, molasses and peas had been loaded from the vessel, which had laid in the stream, and been taken ashore in the Albert county schooner "Silent." The latter was seized and her owners paid promptly a fine of \$400. Thus the way of the smuggler is (sometimes) hard. At Herring Cove, a few miles further on, a subordinate official found a quantity of sugar and molasses, which had been brought ashore in a large boat by another officer. Having made the seizure, the officer went away for a cart, and when he returned the barrels of sugar and molasses had disappeared. This added a criminal offence to a customs violation. The seizure of the boat was then ordered and \$50 demanded. Those who took the goods will be arrested. The Greenock steamer lay between the two customs jurisdictions, and a double fine of \$800 will be between Springhill and Amherst, is described imposed. The owners in Scotland are being