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Mercantile Summary.

In Gretna, away out west, Hoffman & Co., a firm of general traders, have assigned.

Upwards of eighty tons of strawberries were shipped from Grand Falls, N. B., this season.

ABOUT 30,000 tons of coal will be stored at Algoma Mills for the use of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

A New factory is being built on the Canadian side of the river by the Dominion Suspender Company of Niagara Falls.

EXPECTATIONS as to the salmon run in the Fraser River were not realized, and there is much disappointment thereat.

E. W. Edwards & Co., wholesale dealers in tailors' furnishings in this city, have assigned owing \$10,000. Their assets are nominally the same.

In Neepawa, Man., recently, an agricultural implement agent delivered in one day to farmers, 61 binders, 10 mowers, 11 horse rakes, and 22,000 pounds of twine. The value was about \$17,000.

Ir is said that the experts sent from Pittsburg to examine the natural gas territory in the Province of Quebec report that the wells are all shallow and can never obtain a pressure exceeding 25 pounds.

A new steamer, it is said, will be built to run between Meaford and other Georgian Bay ports. The estimated cost is \$15,000, exclusive of the machinery. She will have a speed of 14 miles per hour.

A HEAVY failure in the Montreal wholesale wine and spirit trade is that of Mr. James Guest, who has assigned with liabilities stated at \$200,000. Mr. Guest began in a modest way about sixteen years ago, and extended his business quite rapidly, securing a number of first-rate European connections. The Scott Act agitation of recent years affected his business seriously, and this, with recent heavy losses, has brought about his suspension. His indebtedness is largely in Europe.

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