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Mercantile Summary.

WE learn that the Toronto firm of H. O'Hara & Son, have appointed a representative in Kootenay, who will keep them advised, not only about mines and mining stocks, but about municipal affairs and enterprises. The representative will be Mr. W. J. O'Hara, and his headquarters will be Rossland, B.C.

As there have been misleading rumors and actual mis-statements about the change in the ownership of the Manitoba & North-western Railway last winter, it is well to have something official as to the personnel of the new company. The president of the railway is Mr. E. B. Osler, and the vice-president, Mr. Wm. Hendrie, of Hamilton. Messrs. Allan, of Montreal, have disposed of all their interests to the new company, and relinquished all claims. The new owners, however, intend to make needed improvements. The road-bed will be put in first-class condition on all sections. The bridge across the Assinaboine at Millwood will be placed on stone abutments. New cars will be bought and put on the line very shortly.

THIS is the era of circulars. Never were so many of every possible kind sent through the mails. One would think there was an election or a plebiscite going on all the time, if he could see the interior of Toronto Post Office, at times for weeks past. The sorters have been greatly overworked, and application has been made to the Postmaster-General on their behalf. If such avalanches of mail matter of this kind continue, there will have to be additional sorters provided.

ONE of the largest and most conspicuous buildings on St. George's Square, Guelph, is the Bank of Montreal, and adjoining it is the residence of the manager. The bank is now undergoing improvement and alterations, both in the public offices and manager's room, and the artistic display of modern ornamental work and fresh color will add considerably to the appearance and comfort of the premises.

THE following list of patents recently granted Canadians, is given by Messrs. Fetherstonhaugh & Co.: Canadian patents—Hooks and eyes, I. P. Doolittle; method of extracting precious metals from pulverized rock or sand, J. F. Latimer; machine for washing gold, E. L. Tetreau and W. M. Ogden; can capping machine, J. DesBrisay; apparatus for separating ores, minerals, etc., W. T. Newman; locks, L. Martel; roll press for forming weakened lines in can heads or the like, H. C. Hunter; acetylene gas lamp, W. H. Cone and R. H. Cram; hat and cap racks, E. J. Kirk; machine for sifting coal ashes, J. Clench; trolley bases, H. G. Taylor. American patents—Washing machine, W. F. Glidden; combined support and luggage-carrier, C. A. Kennedy; leg for billiard, pool, or other tables, A. F. Lamoureux; mechanism for imparting successive or alternating movements, E. Moore; machine for shocking grain, W. Russell; box hinge, T. S. Usher; tire, G. E. Robertson; plate for buggy tops, D. Conboy.

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