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R. S. HIBBARD, of Lower Cove, and Prof. Max Sterne, of Amherst, are opening a seam of coal at River Herbert Station, Cumberland County, N.S.

In referring to the Merchants' Bank of Prince Edward Island, we said the addition to rest in 1899 was \$8,000; we should have said \$15,000.

THE Canada Coal and Railway Company, Cumberland County, N.S., have orders for more coal than they can get out. They are adding new machinery, and it is expected the output will be doubled within a short time.

A MERCHANT in St. John's, Newfoundland, writing to us on 3rd instant, says: "The weather here is very fine; there is not much snow, not enough for sleighing, and wheels are working on the roads and streets, as if in summer. Business is dull, as it generally is about this season.'

AT a meeting of the creditors of J. G. Jones, of Exeter, J. Woods and J. Taylor, of Exeter, were appointed inspectors. The liabilities were estimated at about \$25,000, while the assets cannot be determined until the returns for apples sold are re-

The Provincial Coal Company, with a capital stock of \$1,000,000 in \$100 shares, is seeking incorporation to carry on a general coal mining business in the province of New Brunswick. Moncton is the chief place of business, and the incorporators are Messrs. John C. Calhoun, Walter S. Logan, James Edward Calhoun and Charles E. Daley, all of New York, and Henry E. Puddington, of St. John.

THE Bras d'Or Gazette maks a serious charge against Cape Bretoners. It says: 'A large number of Newfoundlanders. who have been working at the Dominion Steel Works construction, left for home this week. The men in this vicinity are by no means making the most of the opportunities offered them of steady work. The lack of constant employment in winter time has been one of the few faults which the Cape Bretoner has had to find with his country. Yet, now that such work is offered, there are many who do not seem to at all desire it, and who would, apparently, rather worry through the hard season in the old way. It is lamentable that 500 laborers left Boston the other day for Sydney, to engage in this construction work, while the places they are going to fill might well be filled by Cape Bretoners, did the demon of laizness not pursue them."

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