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Mercantile Summary.

THE St. John Gazette has learned that there is about 2,000,000 feet of deals piled up at Acadia Mines around the rolling mill and blast furnace, ready for shipment, waiting for the change in freight rates.

THE output of the new pulp mills at Milton, Queen's county, N.S., for January, was 1,590 tons, and the manager says this will be increased to 2,000 tons per month as soon as the weather gets a little more favorable.

AT Washington, on Tuesday last, the Treasury Secret Service division announced the appearance of a new \$2 counterfeit treasury note, series of 1891, portrait of Macpherson. The portrait, lathe work and parallel ruling, are all poor and the words "Bearer" and "Bureau" are both misspelled.

Two carloads of thoroughbred Durham and Galloway cattle were shipped this week from Brampton and Guelph, to Calgary. Another car will leave Toronto April 15th. The halffare rates granted by the railway upon such shipments has caused an increase in sales to western buvers.

An assignment was made in August last by N. P. Finch, dry goods dealer at Aylmer, Ont, and the stock was at that time sold to his brother. J. C Finch. Since then the business has been continued under the style of the N. P. Finch Co., and managed by the former owner. Now we hear that the creditors have placed a receiver in charge of the store.--J. E. Hull, harness maker at Comber, has been slow pay lately, and after being sued makes an assignment. --- So does C. P. Hunter, general storekeeper and postmaster, Quainswick. He will not owe much.

Seven years ago Robt. Weir began as a tailor in Peterboro and for some time did a nice trade, but lately he has found competition keen and this week assigns, with liabilities of \$2.300 and nominal assets of \$1,200 --- Another tailor in the same town named W. J. Green is also in trouble and puts his affairs in an assignee's hands. He has been in business there for twenty years. --- A long established dry goods dealer, W. W Johnston of Peterboro, after many years of effort, finds his chattels mortgaged. His stock has been sold to Robert Fair at 50 per cent. reduction.

A CLOTHIER in Winnipeg, F. Clouthier, found the bailiff in possession of his premises under power of a chattel mortgage in favor of his banker, and now he has made an assignment. --- After doing business about three years, A. G. Munroe, general dealer, Stockton, Man., has assigned; his financial position has been uncertain for some time past. --- Atkinson & Co., general storekeepers, Hamiota, were burnt out a few weeks ago and they have since assigned. They owe about \$4.400. --- Angrignon Bros., hotel keepers, New Denver, B.C., make an assignment. They kept the St. James hotel, which has been rented for \$100 per month.

A SETTLEMENT has been made with the creditors of Chas. Hendry, general storekeeper at the village of Stirton. They write 40 per cent. off their claims. It will be remembered that Hendry assigned about two weeks ago. Jos. Hicks, general storekeeper, Callendar, has offered his creditors 40 per cent. to settle their claims, and it may be accepted. --- An assignment has been made by A. Hamilton & Co., druggists in Hamilton. The firm's statement shows assets of \$10.200 and liabilities of \$12,000 .-A. B. Wightman, who has a small grocery in Toronto, puts his estate in an assignee's hands.

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