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**Mercantile Summary.**

THE Anderson Lake mines, in Lillooet district, B.C., have, it is stated, been sold to a San Francisco syndicate for \$60,000.

THE coal mines at Alexandria, B.C., have closed down, as a result, it is supposed of the declaration of miners at a recent mass meeting in favor of amalgamation of the mines in that district.

WE understand that the authorized reading-books of the deaf and dumb, both in the United States and Canada, are to be printed and published by the firm of Mr. G. N. Morang, in Toronto.

WE hear that Mr. Charles Percy, of Montreal, has been appointed auditor of the Grand Trunk Railroad, in place of the late Thomas Davidson. The former was formerly treasurer of the company.

MR. GEO. GRIFFIN has taken over the Safety Powder Works, near Ladysmith, B.C., and will make some alterations in the machinery in order to facilitate the manufacture of the ordinary black powder for miners' use.

In a fire which took place last week in Kerr & Coombes' foundry, in Hamilton, about \$2,000 damage was done. In a collision, which took place between a street car and one of the reels on the way to the scene of the conflagration, one fireman was killed and two badly injured.

A GROCER named H. Foisy, long in business at St. John's Que., has assigned on the demand of his daughter. He seemed at one time to be doing a moderate, snug business, but of late his affairs have been on the down grade, through unfortunate habits, it is said, and several recent suits entered against him have forced matters to a climax.

THE Montreal firm of Moule & Morison, who last spring started a fashionable ladies' outfitting establishment, making a specialty of ladies' blouses, jackets, cloaks, etc., have already become embarrassed, and a demand of assignment has been made upon them. Their local credit was never strong, but they were apparently able to get liberal accommodation in this direction abroad, and some \$10,000 of their liabilities is said to be due in Toronto.

THE Grand Forks ratepayers have adopted by-laws granting bonuses to the Victoria, Vancouver and Eastern Railroad, and the Republic and Grand Forks railways. The former is for \$7,500, and in return this railroad will locate its engine and freight stations at the intersection of the corporate limits of Grand Forks and Columbia. The other by-law provides for a bonus of \$3,500 cash to the Republic and Grand Forks Railway in consideration of which the railway company has agreed to locate its depot, terminal grounds and round-house on the Ruckle addition of Grand Forks. The ratepayers of the city of Columbia also adopted a bonus by-law granting \$7,500 in aid of the V., V. & E. Railway to aid in the acquisition of the lands required for the proposed depot at the intersection of Columbia and Grand Forks.

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