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THE output of coal, at Springhill, N.S., for December, will, it is said, be the best showing of the year, and will beat any other December month for ten years past. About 1,000 men and boys are at present employed.

A SPECIAL telegram to some Ontario papers speaks of a new line of ocean steamers, with Quebec as their terminus, as "practically a certainty in 1900." Somebody in England is arranging details with a company, which is thought to be the Elder Dempster line. The Great Northern railway is to get enough of its line in order to give Quebec district connection with the Parry Sound railway. Boston capitalists are alleged to be in it, on the strength of which Mr. Macdonald, the railway contractor, is going (so it is said), to build the last 88 miles of the line. All of which is more or less mysterious and indefinite.

At a meeting of directors of the Hamilton, Chedoke, and Ancaster Electric Railway, it was decided to apply for an amended charter to build a line to Brantford, to change the name to the Hamilton, Ancaster, and Brantford Electric Railway Company, and to increase the capital stock from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

Notice has been given to exporters, by the customs authorities at New York, that, owing to action by the Canadian Government, a new form of certificate will be required on all invoices of merchandise sold to importers in Canada, on and after January 1st, 1899. The certificate must be signed by a partner, official or employee of the exporter, having a knowledge of the facts certified to, and there must be written, printed or stamped on the face or back of the invoice, the words: "This invoice is true and correct."

For many a day, a London journalist, Mr. Andrew J. Wilson, now of the Investor's Guardian, has been belittling Canada, sneering at her, decrying her enterprises and securities, and altogether behaving, in any matters concerning this country, as if he were possessed with hatred and distrust about us. Curiously enough, in the last issue of his paper, he has a reference to Canada in which he forgets to curse things Canadian: "It is very probable that a British Columbia market will become an absolute necessity on the Stock Fxchange. The business for such a market daily increases, and, with the large dealings caused by the Le Roi Mine, a clique of brokers, dealing in British Columbian securities, is sure to spring up. The country is now receiving a considerable amount of attention at the hands of the daily press, and with the attention of capitalists called to it in this way, development is certain. The land is stated to be capable of great possibilities, and its mines bid fair to rival Kaffirs at their best."

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