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SALES of Nova Scotia coal amounted, in 1885, to 1,254,000 tons, as against 1,261,650 in 1884.

At St. Helena, Cal., a few days ago, several thousand gallons of ten-year old California wine sold for three cents a gallon.

THE Government has announced an increase in the price of tavern licenses to \$150 in towns, \$130 in villages, and \$100 in townships.

A REDUCTION in the wages paid to workmen in the boot and shoe factory at Shediac caused a strike. Ten of their workmen have gone to the United States.

THE gold returns of Nova Scotia for 1885, according to the Mines office, show a production of 21,000 oz., worth in the vicinity of \$500,000. In 1884 the total yield was 16,079 oz.

THE New Brunswick Railway shows increased receipts for each of five months ended with November last. The total receipts for that period of 1885 were \$324,831 as compared with \$295,850 in 1884.

THE Messrs. McGregor have shipped from Windsor to Brandon, Manitoba, a car load of horses—three fine bred stallions, the remainder Percheron and Clyde stock. The whole lot go to the foot of the Rocky Mountain for ranching.

THE Brunhilda Ship company, of Nova Scotia, desires incorporation, capital \$80,000. The incorporators are James W. Carmichael, James Carmichael, McGregor, James M. Carmichael, Caroline E. Carmichael, all of New Glasgow, and Richard Meikle, of Pictou.

An explosion that lately occurred in a German flour mill, the roof of which was partly blown off in consequence, was caused by a sack of flour falling down stairs, where it opened and scattered the contents in a cloud through the room, where a burning gas flame set fire to the dust.

PEOPLE who neglect their business to parade the street in carnivals, or slide down hill, are sure to come to some bad end in business, and every result of this nature is a serious damage to a community. Thus saith the editor of the *Oshkosh Times*, An overflow of jealousy due, doubtless, to the refusal of his next door neighbor to let the editor's boy borrow his toboggan.

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and 25 & 27 Princess St., WINNIPEG.**Canada Lead & Saw Works****JAMES ROBERTSON,****METAL MERCHANT & MANUF'ER****Office: MONTREAL P. O. Box**
20 Wellington St. 1500.**BRANCHES:****Toronto, Ont., St. John, N.B., Baltimore, U.S.**
J. ROBERTSON & Co. JAS. ROBERTSON J. ROBERTSON & Co**Mercantile Summary.**

THE retail branch of the Forsyth, Sutcliffe & Co's. drug business has been purchased by L. J. Mylins.

THE receipts from the Windsor water works in 1885, were \$25,505.24; the running expenses, \$7,883.86; interest, \$12,977.

THERE are forty lime-kilns in Prince Edward Island, which burned last year 50,000 tons of lime. Most of it went to Maine.

It is likely that a Board of Trade will be organized in Windsor, Mr. Stork, manager of the Bank of Commerce there has undertaken the task.

Who is he that has slow sales and is slower pay, whose goods are shelf worn, moth-eaten and dirty? Verily it is the man who advertises not in his local paper.

THE hay crop of 1885 in the United States amounted to 38,000,000 tons. The largest crop ever grown in this country was that of 1883, which amounted to 46,864,000 tons. The total value of the crop of 1885 was \$361,000,000.

THE Canadian Pacific railway will run a series of through colonist trains from points in Ontario and Quebec to Winnipeg and the Canadian North-west, beginning in March, by their all rail Canadian route. No extra charge for colonist sleeping cars.

PATRICK R. BASSETT, of Charlo station, Restigouche county, N.B., proprietor of the Bay Shore house at that place, has assigned to W. Murray, barrister, Campbellton.—Wm. B. Etter and Thos. J. Etter, traders of Westmorland parish, N.B., have assigned to A. E. Oulton.—Chas. DesBarres, of the Joggin mines, Cumberland, has assigned to I. T. Smith and Charles D. Jones, trustees.

PARTIES who have been handling American Barb Wire feel somewhat concerned in consequence of the Washburn & Moen Manufacturing Co., of Worcester, Mass., through their counsel, Messrs. Blake, Lash & Cassels, of this city, having issued a writ against one of the leading importers here. These importations are viewed as an infringement of Messrs. Washburn and Moen's Canadian patents, and they are apparently determined to protect their rights under our laws.