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Mercantile Summary

THE St. John Lumber Company, in which a good deal of New Brunswick capital is interested, held its annual meeting in Augusta, Maine, last week, and re-elected its old officers, the Hon. C. E. Milliken, of Augusta, being president. It decided to add to its extensive plant, near Van Buren, Me., a new pulp and paper mill, to work up the forest materials of the St. John river.

MR. L. B. CONTENCIN, a leading New York fruit merchant, is of opinion that Canada will in the near future be called upon to supply Spanish orange exporters with millions of feet of lumber every year, suitable for orange box shooks. Owing to the development of fruit-growing in California and other states, there is found in the United States a growing difficulty in supplying even the home demand, so that the export of such goods is now largely out of the question.

A PARAGRAPH in the Waterloo, Que., Advertiser stated that Mr. N. S. Parker, of Eastman, had expended some labor on his iron mine, situated in East Bolton, and had arranged with the Messrs. McDougall to ship fifty tons per day to their furnaces at Drummondville. It is hematite ore and will mix well with the bog ore of the Drummondville mines. "The Parker mine includes a vein 350 feet long by fifteen feet wide, and it is estimated that there are 300,000 tons of ore in sight." We wrote to a correspondent in the Eastern Townships to ascertain how much of this was true, and received word last Saturday that the statements made were upon the authority of Mr. Parker himself, and must therefore be taken for what an owner thinks his property worth. Our informant says: "Only two cars of ore have been shipped to date; Messrs. McDougall have taken one hundred and fifty tons for experimental purposes, and as yet the results are unknown."

We have received a book entitled "La Compilation des Tarifs avec Tableaux d'Honoraire," by J. L. O. Vidal, advocate of the Quebec Bar. The price, we may mention, is \$3. Heretofore, there has been no indexed collection in one volume of the various fees and charges payable to lawyers, notaries, proto-notaries, bailiffs, registrars, etc., and it was often times difficult to verify such costs without considerable expenditure of time and labor. This want it is the object of the present volume to fill, and as the larger portion of it is information printed in both French and English, it should prove useful to business men as well as lawyers of both races. It may be stated that while the book was in course of preparation a new tariff of charges for advocates was proposed, but under the circumstances which prevail, it is not unlikely that it will be a long time before the new system is adopted. The author states that when it finally receives authoritative sanction, he hopes to issue an indexed supplement showing the changes.

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