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OUR WINTER PORT TRADE

The more the new I. C. R. freight tariff is understood the more widespread becomes the feeling of indignation among the people who are served by the line. Mr. Blair, through Manager Harris, has increased the local rates so much in most cases as to make them burdensome, and in some cases practically prohibitive. There was witnessed at a siding in Kings county last week the spectacle of a man unloading cordwood from a car, which he had begun to load for St. John before he learned the new rate. That rate was so high that he did not ship the wood. The rate on milk from Sussex to St. John has been increased two cents per hundred pounds. Meat can be shipped cheaper, it is said, by express than by freight. The rate on live stock for short distances is practically prohibitive. There has been a very increase on iron from the Nova Scotia works to provincial points. The Westport shingle manufacturer can no longer afford to ship to points on the I. C. R. The rate on other lumber has been advanced. In short, the people whose interests are involved, and should be considered in the preparation of a freight tariff on the peninsula's railway, have been entirely in-

"ONLY PREMATURE."

A statement that France had hoisted her flag in Hainan was only premature. The French charge at Peking, M. Dubail, has reported, it is stated, that France is anxious to use Hainan on the same terms as those which Germany has leased Kiao-Chau and it is expected that China will have to make the concession demanded.—North

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AMHERST, N. S., March 7.—At about five o'clock on Saturday after-

down, after the mills had been closed for the day, smoke was seen issuing from the wool storing room of the Oxford Woollen Mills at Oxford. An alarm was given, and soon a number of men were on the spot. They broke open the door leading to the

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