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Mercantile Summary.

THERE is great dulness in the square timber market at Quebec. Returns from recent sales in Britain are very unsatisfactory, and Canadian shippers are not desirous of sending any more forward at present prices.

A QUEBEC despatch of Monday last says that the goods from the wrecked steamship "Idaho" were sold at auction Friday. Walnut logs fetched 80 cents per foot; ash, 20 cents; birch, 15 cents; cheese, \$1.80 per box.

ACCORDING to the Winnipeg *Free Press*, Mr. W. McFarlane has sold the Bruce farm in St. James to Richardson & Day, of Duluth, for \$9,000. The place contains about 140 acres, and was bought by Mr. McFarlane last spring for \$5,000.

RESPECTING the announcement that the Trinidad exhibit would first appear at Toronto, and afterwards at St. John, advices from the latter city say that there are now lying warehoused in that city sixty-eight cases of Trinidad goods for the St. John exhibition exclusively, besides a large amount yet to arrive.

We learn that Mr. James E. Scripps, of the Detroit *Evening News*, has given \$2,000 to be applied towards defraying to the trustees of the Detroit Museum of Art the cost of two years' study in one of the great art schools of Europe as a prize for the greatest proficiency displayed by any pupil in the Detroit Art Academy in the ensuing year. The prize is open to students from all parts of the country.

AN important matter for the fruit-growing district of Nova Scotia is the fitting up in Annapolis of an evaporating establishment, where apples and other fruits will be dried for the home and foreign markets. In that neighborhood, as in parts of British Columbia, "quantities of natural and ungrafted apples are annually left to rot on the ground or fed to cattle, for which a fair price can now be obtained." Farmers should see that none are wasted.

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