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Mercantile Summary.

ON Sunday last the steamer "Cynthia" of the Manchester Line, sailed from Montreal. She took a good cargo, which included 43,000 bushels of corn, 400 standards of deals, a car-load of lumber, 2,200 bags of sugar and starch, 50 tons of straw boards, 400 packages of butter, 400 head of cattle, and 151 sheep.

THE Midland Railway, with which Ontario people are familiar as a portion of the Grand Trunk System, is not the only road of the name in Canada. There is, or rather there is to be, a Midland Railway in Nova Scotia, a road sixty miles in length, extending from Windsor to Truro, N.S., across the counties of Hants and Colchester. Mr. W. G. Reid, the contractor, says that some forty miles of the line are already under way, over seven hundred men being engaged in the work.

QUANTITIES of potatoes are being shipped from Halifax to the Bermudas and other West India islands. The "Beta" and the "Duart Castle" steamers which left quite recently, took a lot. They are put up in barrels that hold almost three bushels, and cost for the article itself something over \$2 a barrel. These barrels, says the Acadian Recorder, for the most part are those in which oranges are brought in—they are perforated to allow egress and ingress of ventilation; often the same barrels come and go half-a-dozen times.

THE importance of choosing suitable varieties of trees and a proper situation for their planting is illustrated in the success of a grower in the Annapolis Valley, of Nova Scotia. Although last winter was the coldest known in that province for thirty years, the temperature reaching 20 below zero, there were yet 500 peach trees in bloom, says the Acadian Orchardist, in the orchard of Ralph S. Eaton last week. Out of 1,100 peach trees, there was scarcely one injured by the winter-killing of the wood or fruit's buds. In the same orchard were 700 of the Japan plums in full bloom, a large number of apricot, and about 1,000 cherry trees.

It is very pleasing to find that Windsor, Nova Scotia, which was so terribly devastated by fire in October last, is being steadily rebuilt. Not only have many residences been erected, but factories and shops are giving the place a look of activity to replace the bareness. Years will be needed, however, to recover the beauty of lawn and shade tree that used to characterize Windsor. The Windsor Furniture Manufacturing Company's structure is up: its machinery, we understand, was furnished by The Goldie & McCulloch Co., Ltd., of Galt, Ont., and the McGregor, Gourlay Co., of the same place. The shafting and pulleys came from the Dodge Manufacturing Co., of Boston. The new court house of Hants County is a fine brick building, said to be, indeed, the handsomest in Nova Scotia. The contractors for it were mainly Halifax and Windsor men or firms, but the brass door fittings are from the Peterboro Hardware Co., and it is roofed with metal shingles from the Metallic Roofing Co., of Ontario.

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