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Mercantile Summary.

THE Pacific Mail Steamship Company declared a dividend a week ago of 1½ per cent. on the capital stock, which is one-half per cent. more than in either of two preceding years.

As to volume of current wholesale business there appears to be very much the same state of things in Canada as in the States. There is no marked increase in distribution of goods, but the growth in confidence continues and collections from the country are distinctly improved in many districts.

THE merchants of Denmark have for years complained about the Danish weights and measures in use, as they do not agree with those ruling in other countries. A bill has just been brought into the Danish Diet recommending the introduction in Denmark of the metric weights and measures system, and is likely to become law.

IN the United States several substantial developments of business present themselves this week, says Bradstreet, notable among which are a number of advances in prices, exceptionally few declines thereof, growing strength in the pig-iron situation, unprecedentedly large weekly bank clearings and remarkably good reports as to exports, not only in the line of foreign products, but also in enlarged trade in manufactured products. The October exports were larger than those of any previous October.

SOME time in 1896 Mr. Rainville, of Stoney Point, Essex county, sued the Grand Trunk Railway for damages, alleging that a spark from a locomotive set fire to the grass, which communicated to plaintiff's buildings, resulting in their destruction. The case was tried at Sandwich and a verdict for \$1,200 rendered for Rainville. The railway carried the case to the Court of Appeal, when the Verdict was sustained, then carried it to the Supreme Court at Ottawa. On Monday last the decision of the Supreme Court was handed out, dismissing the appeal and sustaining the findings of the other courts.

IN its summary of United States trade for last week, Dun's Review says: Iron production, November 1st, was 228,935 tons weekly, against 215,635 October 1st, and a decrease is seen of 35,241 tons in stocks unsold outside the holdings of the great steel companies, indicating an actual consumption of 1,019,646 tons in October, about 283 tons daily greater than the largest ever shown in any previous month on record. The export demand is beyond all dreams, 40,000 tons of rails for northern Europe, and 100,000 tons of plates, besides 4,500 tons of billets from Pittsburg alone, with great quantities of bars, rods, wire and other finished products. The works are generally filled with orders, including many from ocean and lake shipyards, and many for cars, with seasonable demand for other products. The minor metals still advance, largely with the London demand, tin to 18.30 cents and copper to 12.62 cents bid for Lake, with lead steady at 3.72½ in spite of heavy Mexican arrivals.

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