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Mercantile Summary.

WHEN in Borneo, writes the British
consul at Cadiz, it was a frequent experi-
ence of mine to receive illustrated cata-
logs of articles, such as churns, to be
shown and distributed in a country whose
inhabitants dwell entirely in huts erected
on poles over the water and subsist on
rice and fish.

In spite of the enormous output of
agricultural implements by the big Cana-
dian manufacturers, Canada is the best
customer possessed by the United States
for those articles. During the last
year we imported from that country
\$3,123,660 worth. Russia bought \$2,294,-
440, and France and the Argentine Re-
a little less.

FOR more than nine years, i. e. since
March, 1894, Wm. Mose has carried on a
harness business at Gorrie. For some
time past he has been hard up and slow
pay. Last month he put a chattel mort-
gage on his assets and now he makes an
assignment. Another harness firm in
trouble is Doherty & Williamson, of
Picton. Doherty has been engaged in
the business since 1886. About two years
ago he admitted William Williamson in-
to partnership, the latter contributing
some \$500 capital. This does not appear
to have improved the firm's condition, at
any rate it did not suffice, for an assign-
ment has been made.

THE lake boats engaged in the St. Law-
rence trade, says an exchange, are all em-
ployed and more could be chartered to
advantage. Freights are firm. The rates
from Fort William to Bay ports being
15¢c. on wheat and 1½¢c. on oats, and by
rail from Bay ports to Montreal 4¼ to
4½¢c. From Fort William to Kingston
wheat has been chartered at 4¢c., and from
Kingston to Montreal 15¢c., making the
through rate by all water 5½¢c. and by
lake and rail 5½¢c. The rates from Chi-
cago to Kingston are 3¾¢c. for wheat and
3¼¢c. for corn, making the through rates
to Montreal 5¢c. on wheat and 4¾¢c. on
corn; but it is thought that the latter fig-
ure would not be refused by shipowners
for wheat. About 200,000 bushels of corn
were chartered last week in Chicago on
the basis of 3¾ through to Montreal.

At a meeting of the Lumber Carriers'
Association, held at Detroit recently,
the Great Lakes Towing Company sub-
mitted a proposition that will, if carried
into effect, place lumber tonnage on a
more equitable footing than has hereto-
fore existed. Instead of 20 per cent. dis-
count from tariff rates at the end of the
season allowed to other tonnage the lum-
ber carriers under the new arrangement
will get 30 per cent. except at the ports
of Chicago and Tonawanda, where a 35
per cent. discount from the tariff rates
will be granted to members of the associ-
ation. The cash discount will be 40 per
cent. instead of five per cent., as given
other tonnage. A flat price of \$5 is also
made for taking lumber tow barges into
the locks at Sault Ste. Marie, thus doing
away with the necessity of the steamer
handling a long tow in the locks.

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TORONTO STOCK TRANS- ACTIONS.

Owing to having been a short week on
'Change, and perhaps to the fact also
that many people are away on their
holidays, the volume of trading has not
been large. Values have kept up well,
however, surprisingly so considering the
bearish influences at work in New York
and Boston. The following summarizes
the chief transactions: Ontario Bank, 5
at 128; Toronto, 6 at 232½-233½; Com-
merce, 45 at 159½; Imperial, 78 at 231¼-
231½; Dominion, 198 at 235½-237¼;
Hamilton, 128 at 226½-227½; Ottawa,
50 at 211-216; C. P. R. 1,425 at 123¾-
125; Toronto Electric Light, 59 at
125-133½; Can. Gen. Electric, 1,457 at
161-162¾; Com. Cable, 61 at 163-164½;
Bell Telephone, 6 at 155; Rich. & Ont.
Nav., 250 at 90¼-93¾; Toronto Railway,
950 at 100-103½; Twin City, 2,028 at 98-
99¾; Sao Paulo, 378 at 90¼-93; Domin-
ion Steel, 1,413 at 19½-21; bonds, \$31,600
at 74-76½; Dominion Coal, 6,979 at
102¾-106¾, and Nova Scotia Steel, 915
at 98½-108.

I'd like to have a nice, soft job,
Where I could simply be
A sort of weekly visitor,
To draw my salary;
And then, as that got burdensome,
And seemed inclined to bore me,
I'd like to have some fellow paid
To go and draw it for me.

—Baltimore News.

—Cunning fellow that he was. When
Maisie said to him, "The diamond in this
engagement ring is awfully small," Mor-
ton instantly replied: "I told the jeweller
it was for the smallest hand in the city."
—St. Louis Lumberman.