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**Mercantile Summary.**

WHEN in Borneo, writes the British consul at Cadiz, it was a frequent experience of mine to receive illustrated catalogs 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 Canadian 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 Republic 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 mortgage 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 into 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 assignment has been made.

THE lake boats engaged in the St. Lawrence trade, says an exchange, are all employed and more could be chartered to advantage. Freights are firm. The rates from Fort William to Bay ports being 1 1/2c. on wheat and 1 1/2c. on oats, and by rail from Bay ports to Montreal 4 1/4 to 4 1/2c. From Fort William to Kingston wheat has been chartered at 4c., and from Kingston to Montreal 1 1/2c., making the through rate by all water 5 1/2c. and by lake and rail 5 1/2c. The rates from Chicago to Kingston are 3 1/2c. for wheat and 3 1/2c. for corn, making the through rates to Montreal 5c. on wheat and 4 1/2c. on corn; but it is thought that the latter figure would not be refused by shipowners for wheat. About 200,000 bushels of corn were chartered last week in Chicago on the basis of 3 1/2c. through to Montreal.

At a meeting of the Lumber Carriers' Association, held at Detroit recently, the Great Lakes Towing Company submitted a proposition that will, if carried into effect, place lumber tonnage on a more equitable footing than has heretofore existed. Instead of 20 per cent. discount from tariff rates at the end of the season allowed to other tonnage the lumber 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 association. 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 TRANSACTIONS.**

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 232 1/2-233 1/2; Commerce, 45 at 159 1/2; Imperial, 78 at 231 1/4-231 1/2; Dominion, 198 at 235 7/8-237 1/4; Hamilton, 128 at 226 1/2-227 1/2; Ottawa, 50 at 211-216; C. P. R. 1,425 at 123 3/8-125; Toronto Electric Light, 59 at 125-133 1/2; Can. Gen. Electric, 1,457 at 161-162 3/8; Com. Cable, 61 at 163-164 1/2; Bell Telephone, 6 at 155; Rich. & Ont. Nav., 250 at 90 1/4-93 3/4; Toronto Railway, 950 at 100-103 1/2; Twin City, 2,028 at 98-99 5/8; Sao Paulo, 378 at 90 1/4-93; Dominion Steel, 1,413 at 19 1/2-21; bonds, \$31,600 at 74-76 5/8; Dominion Coal, 6,979 at 102 3/4-106 3/4, and Nova Scotia Steel, 915 at 98 1/2-108.

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A sort of weekly visitor,  
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And then, as that got burdensome,  
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