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Mercantile Summary

THE cotton mill premises of Wm. Parks & Son, Limited, are advertised in the St. John papers to be sold at public auction on 15th October.

THE Pullman car porters are asking for an increase in wages on the ground that "tips" have fallen off almost one-half. Let us hope for the time when the other half of the tips shall cease.

MR. R. H. COLEMAN, of the Canada Company, has been appointed junior commissioner to fill the position vacated by the appointment of Alfred Willson as senior commissioner, succeeding the late Senator Allan.

THE secretary of the Bell Telephone gives notice that the company will receive tenders for \$200,000 of its 5 per cent. debentures, to be delivered on the 1st October. These debentures are payable on the 1st April, 1925. Interest payable half-yearly on the 1st of April and 1st of October.

ST. JOHN'S, Que., is to pronounce upon a proposed by-law to provide for a loan of \$40,000 to pay for fire station appliances and town hall, and also to provide for the floating debt which now amounts to \$15,000. It is very doubtful if the sum is adequate to provide fire protection which the town needs.

A Dainty piece of literature is the invitation, on fancy paper, deckle-edged, issued by the Gurney Foundry Company, to be "At Home" at the offices of the company, 500 King street, West during the Toronto Industrial Fair, August 26th to 7th September, and at the London offices of the company, 382 Richmond street, during the Western Fair, September 5th to 14th.

ELECTRICAL industries are making much progress in Argentina, especially in Buenos Ayres. There are several factories which turn out switch-boards, and even small dynamos. The imports of electrical supplies imported during 1900 were 648 dynamos, value in gold, \$80,025; "electrical material" to the value of \$341,034; insulated wire and cable, \$511,709; incandescent lamps, \$101,112; telephone material, \$20,143; telegraph material, \$36,993. Germany, Belgium, England, France and the United States furnish the most of this; Holland and Italy a small portion.

THE first trip over the Midland Railway line from Windsor to Shubenacadie, N.S., has been made. The roadbed of the line was found to be in good condition—the last twenty miles of it being excellently so, the train running over this part at the rate of forty miles an hour. One thing along the line especially noted were the piles of lumber and deals, at nearly every station. Mr. McMullen has two mills on the line, and at one station alone he has about 100 carloads of lumber ready for shipment. It has been arranged that an accommodation train will be placed on the line, leaving South Maitland for Windsor in the morning, and returning in the afternoon.

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