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Mercantile Summary.

A VICTORIA despatch of Friday last
says that the British Columbia Govern-
ment has allotted a loan in London of
three and a half million dollars, which
has been underwritten at 92 per cent.

It is forty-seven years since William
H. Hacking was appointed postmaster
at Listowel, Ontario, then a newly set-
tled place. He died on Monday last in
the 93rd year of his age, a worthy and
respected man.

THE office of the Sovereign Bank of
Canada, at Exeter, which was recently
opened there, is a model of up-to-date
bank premises. The Molsons Bank in
the same town will soon move into
their new building.

A NEW branch of the electric train ser-
vice in Port of Spain, Trinidad, was
opened last week under good auspices.
It is satisfactory to note that Canadian
investments in other countries are prov-
ing so successful as this one appears to
be.

THE firm of Kuhn & Watson have
completed the erection of a large chair
factory at Kincardine, and manufacturing
will commence in December. They al-
ready have a very large order from a
firm in England and expect to do a con-
siderable trade with the Old Country in
chairs and upholstered goods. Mr.
Kuhn was formerly a representative in
England of the Canadian Furniture
Manufacturers, Limited.

A BY-LAW is being submitted to the
ratepayers of Goderich to give a bonus
of \$25,000 to the Goderich Organ Com-
pany, to rebuild their factory, which was
entirely destroyed by fire last summer.
If the by-law passes it is the intention of
the company to build a much larger fac-
tory than the old one; but if the by-law
is defeated, the company will go to some
other town, several tempting offers hav-
ing been made by other Ontario towns.

THE strength of labor unions in the
United States is indicated by the follow-
ing figures, compiled by Carroll D.
Wright, commissioner of labor in that
country. He places the membership
in labor unions in all the States
at 1,400,000, which includes 200,000
Knights of Labor. This number
is about 8 per cent. of the wage earners
of the United States. In Great Britain
last summer the official return gave the
number enrolled in labor unions as
1,802,518.

THE Dominion Coal Company has sent
one million two hundred thousand tons
of coal to the St. Lawrence market this
season. The company still has about five
steamers to load for Montreal, and then
shipments will cease for the year. The
shipments to the St. Lawrence this year
exceeded those of any previous year by
300,000 tons. Next year the company ex-
pects to beat this, and they have char-
tered six steamers, with a total tonnage
of 60,000, to carry additional shipments.
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