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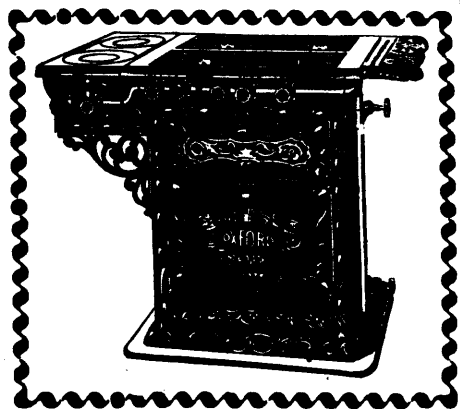
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Mercantile Summary.

THE receipts of last month were the heaviest in the history of the Montreal Street Railway. The earnings amounted to \$130,676.77, an increase of \$14,248.11 over June, 1896.

THE saw mills near Shediac are running night and day. Irving's mill at Buctouche is also to run night and day. There is wonderful activity in the lumber trade all along that shore.—*St. John, N.B., Sun.*

FOR the month of June duties collected in Montreal show a decrease of \$73,969. According to the official statement, the duties amounted to \$481,232, against \$555,202 for the corresponding month last year.

THE New Brunswick telephone line is being extended from Fredericton to Woodstock. This when finished will complete the connection of the Carleton and Aroostook towns with Fredericton, St. John, Sussex, Moncton and intermediate towns.

THE governor and committee of the Hudson's Bay Company in London have recommended a dividend of 13s. per share for the past year, carrying forward £21,199. This dividend paid last year was at the same rate, and £26,082 was carried forward.

THE Gloucester papers are demanding that Uncle Sam should send a cruiser to Nova Scotia and Cape Breton to look after the interests of the United States fishing vessels, and to protect them from illegal seizure by the Canadian fisheries protection service.

THIS is a time of peace, but the defences of Halifax harbor are to be strengthened. It is stated that a powerful electric searchlight will be placed in the fort at York redoubt, at the entrance to the harbor, and a new battery for quick-firing guns built at Point Pleasant, making four batteries within gunshot of each other, though hidden in the woods of the public park. The searchlight at York redoubt would be capable of sweeping the open ocean for miles in clear weather.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Company announce a new grain tariff, to take effect July 12, on bulk grain in cargo lots from Fort William, via Owen Sound: To Peterboro and Canadian Pacific stations on main and branch lines west to Windsor, inclusive, 11½ cents per 100 pounds. East of Peterboro, to Ottawa, Montreal, and intermediate and branch line stations, 13½ cents. The Montreal rate will not apply to stations north of Carleton Junction, nor to stations on the Ottawa River section, between Montreal and Ottawa.

LONDON has now twenty-six miles of street railway, says the *Advertiser*—fifteen of which is double track. The street railway represents a large financial outlay in the city, from which its revenue is derived. The capitalization is about \$650,000, and about \$36,000 is paid out in wages alone every year. The company use 5,000 tons of coal a year. On the regular pay roll there are 125 men, who are given, including the construction corps, employment. But this summer there have been from 250 to 300 men constantly at work.

THE retail wall-paper dealers of Canada and the United States assembled in convention at Niagara Falls, N.Y., on June 30th, and organized the American Association of Wall Paper Makers, with Mr. C. W. Page, of Rochester, N.Y., as president. A board of directors, numbering twenty-four, was elected. The Canadian representatives on the board are Messrs. A. Mullen, Toronto; J. Murphy, Montreal, and R. A. Robertson, Hamilton. The association expects to bring within its fold all of the retail

wall-paper dealers in both countries, and commissioners were appointed to visit all cities, towns and villages with this end in view. The association will meet again in June next year at the same place.

THERE is an interesting freight war, says the *London Advertiser*, July 6th, in the Galt district. The Galt Electric railway, running to Preston, Hespeler and other points, works in conjunction with the C.P.R. for the delivery of freight at those places, which the electric railway touches, and which the C.P.R. does not. The Grand Trunk covers these points by its line from Harrisburg to Guelph, but asked from the Galt electric railway the same privileges as the latter afforded the C.P.R., offering to pay the same amount as its competitor. The electric railway company refused to grant the privileges except on certain conditions, which were not satisfactory to the G.T.R., which at once put freight wagons on the electric railway route, and delivered their goods free. In retaliation, the C.P.R. and the electric railway company are now arranging for the free delivery of goods by wagons at the points in the district touched by the G.T.R., which the former two lines do not touch.

SINCE the recent agitation caused by Canadian wheelmen at Ottawa, a short while ago, for the free carriage of bicycles on railway trains, steps have been taken to lessen the rates. It will be gratifying to travellers and others using bicycles to know that some changes have been made which will tend to reduce the cost. Following is the new scale of charges:

| When lowest first-class passenger fare is | | |
|---|----------|--------------------------------|
| From | To | Charge |
| \$ c. | \$ c. | \$ c. |
| | under 10 | 05 |
| 10 | 75 | 10 |
| 80 | 1 50 | 15 |
| 1 55 | 3 00 | 20 |
| 3 05 | 5 00 | 25 |
| 5 05 | 7 50 | 30 |
| 7 55 | 10 00 | 40 |
| 10 55 | 12 50 | 50 |
| 12 55 | 15 00 | 60 |
| 15 05 | 17 50 | 70 |
| 17 55 | 20 00 | 80 |
| 20 05 | 22 50 | 90 |
| 22 50 | 25 00 | 1 00 |
| 25 00 | over | 4 per cent. of passenger fare. |

THE statements of earnings of the two big railways last week were very satisfactory, showing, as they do, a total increase of \$129,790 over the same week last year. The Canadian Pacific Railway system earned \$91,000 more from June 21st to June 30th, than in the corresponding week of 1896, whilst the increment in the receipts of the Grand Trunk was \$38,790.

The detailed figures follow:

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|-------------------|-----------|
| Grand Trunk: | |
| 1897 | \$491,627 |
| 1896 | 452,837 |
| Increase | \$38,790 |
| Canadian Pacific: | |
| 1897 | \$602,000 |
| 1896 | 511,000 |
| Increase | \$91,000 |

THE annual report of the Quebec Central Railway shows a very encouraging year's business. The receipts for the year amounted to \$397,106, as compared with \$44,764 for the preceding year, an increase of \$52,342. The net receipts were \$128,311, an increase of \$15,877. At the beginning of last year the company had successfully floated an issue of debentures to the amount of \$250,000, for work on the Tring branch. For the five months since the 1st of January to the 31st of May last, the gross receipts exceeded those of a year ago by \$28,514.