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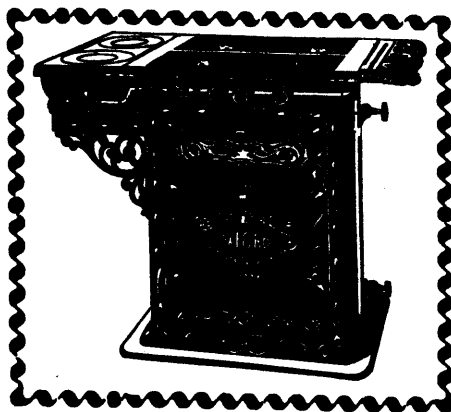
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Mercantile Summary.

A PARTY of 181 immigrants, passengers by the "State of California," reached Montreal on Monday last, bound mostly for the prairies of Western Canada.

THIS, in the opinion of the *Montreal Gazette*, is an age wherein science lends its aid to everybody: "Burglars at Cleveland made use of a current from the trolley wire to fuse the lock of a safe in a bank they were trying to rob."

THE shareholders of the Dominion Granite Co., Ltd., of Bridgewater, N.S., met at the latter town the other day and elected the following board of directors: F. B. Wade, president; C. O. Foss, vice-president; R. M. J. McGill, sec.-treasurer; H. Sorrette, superintendent of works.

A DESPATCH of Tuesday from Revelstoke notes the departure of a train of eight cars, loaded with copper bullion and matte from the Hall mines, for Montreal, for shipment to England. This is the first copper made in far western Canada, and goes high in silver and gold. Its value, the despatch says, is about \$500 per ton.

THE bronze statue of Queen Victoria, nine feet high, offered to the city of Quebec by the well-known sculptor, Percy Wood, in 1887, and valued at \$10,000, has, after lengthy negotiations by Mayor Parent, been purchased for that city for \$1,750 and set up in Victoria Park.

THE meeting of the American Society of Civil Engineers is being held in Quebec this week. A party of some two hundred persons arrived in Montreal on Monday last, bound for this gathering. The entire party paid a visit to the Lachine Hydraulic Company's works at the rapids, afterwards going to Quebec by special train.

JAMES F. NORTON, George Gordon, Byron Norton, Wm. D. McKay, A. B. Warburton, Ellen V. Norton and Susannah Ott, of Charlottetown, P.E.I., seek for incorporation as the R. B. Norton Co., Ltd., to carry on a general hardware business. The capital stock of the new company has been fixed at \$10,000. The chief place of business to be at Charlottetown, P.E.I.

THE shipments of ores from Rossland mines to the smelter last week amounted to 1,625 tons, the largest output for any week in the history of the camp, according to a Rossland special to the *Gazette*. The Centre Star appeared in the list for the first time. The Leroi management estimates that its output will be increased to the average of 500 tons per day inside of two months. The ore receipts at Kaslo for the week were 427 tons, against 518 for the preceding week.

THE iron and steel bounties were discussed in the House of Commons the other day. Mr. Fielding gave the following figures as to the probable amount of bounties to be paid during the year. It was estimated that 70,000 tons of pig iron would be manufactured in Canada. At \$2.50 a ton the amount of bounty would be \$175,000. On puddled bars of iron \$13,500 would be paid, and on steel ingots \$45,000. The aggregate bounty would amount to \$233,000 during the year.

HALIFAX has had a gala week. There were the Jubilee festivities, and the Cabot celebration, and the meeting of the Royal Society of Canada, all going on about the same time. Principal Grant, of Queen's College, made an admirable oration on Joseph Howe, concluding with an appeal to the Province for a statue of that great man. And a resolution was enthusiastically passed by the audience which he

addressed, in favor of an instant effort to carry out the idea of a statue in the city.

THE merchants of the Chinese quarter of Victoria, B.C., met on June 16th to talk over and arrange for the coming Diamond Jubilee celebration. For, said one of them, they also intend to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Arrangements were made to have the Chinese quarter decorated with lanterns, flags and drapings of all kinds. If the necessary permission can be obtained they will explode the festive firecracker. The *Times* adds that the Chinese orchestra are practising for the occasion.

MR. QUINN, of Montreal, has been advocating the claims of charcoal iron to a bonus before the Dominion House of Parliament. Charcoal iron, he said, was not manufactured elsewhere in the Empire. British manufacturers depended on German or Swedish sources for their supply of charcoal iron, and there was a good chance that a respectable trade for Canadian charcoal iron in British and foreign markets could be worked up. But to this end the industry should enjoy similar advantages with other iron industries.

MR. LEWIS GRANT was for many years a well known man in dry goods and millinery circles of Montreal, and his death on Sunday last will be learned with sorrow by a large circle. He was for twenty-three years in the employ of Messrs. Thomas May & Co., for a long time as commercial traveller, and later in various other posts of trust in the establishment. He joined the service of that wholesale millinery firm in 1873, resigning his position because of failing of health about a year ago.

It is of interest to learn that among the passengers on the steamer "Gaelic" last week was a party of Japanese, visiting America in the interest of the Japanese Government and the Central Tea Association of Japan, to establish bureaus for the regulation of the tea business in Canada and the United States. A bureau is in existence in New York, and other bureaus are to be established at Chicago, Toronto and Montreal. The tea bureaus will serve about the same purpose in respect to tea as the viticultural bureaus in the eastern cities do in the regulation of the foreign wine trade.

In reply to the query why a bicycle costs \$100? *The Wheel* says: "The cycle is a sort of cross between a watch and a steam locomotive. It embodies the delicacy and accuracy of the one with the strength of the other. It is a machine of hundreds of parts, so accurately adjusted that it can be run for months without repair; so light that it can easily be lifted with one hand, yet so strong that it will carry a heavy man thousands of rough miles without disaster. Is it to be wondered at then that the manufacture of such an article requires immense skill, and involves many interesting and intricate processes?"

JUST as we were going to press last week the suspension was announced of the Montreal wholesale dry goods firm of Lonsdale, Reid & Co. The house was an outgrowth of the old and at one time well-known house of T. J. Claxton & Co., and began business some thirteen or fourteen years ago. They did well for a time, but a serious aggregate of bad debts in the last two or three years has impaired their capital to such an extent that they will have to get some settlement to enable them to continue. They have made a proposition to pay 60 cents, in three, six, nine and twelve months, which, locally, seems to meet with favor. The liabilities, direct and indirect, are estimated at about \$150,000.