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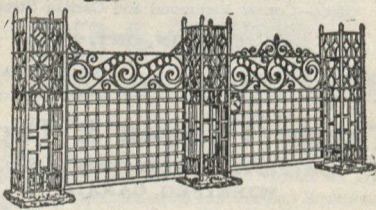
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Mercantile Summary.

FIRE completely destroyed on Sunday night last, the dry goods store of Geo. F. Williams, located in the centre of the principal business block of Greenwood, B.C., and in close proximity to the new Windsor Hotel. The loss is from \$60,000 to \$80,000. Fairly insured.

LAST Monday's telegrams from St. Catharines announced the death of John McCalla, of the grocery firm of W. J. & J. McCalla. He was one of the most influential men of that city, and had lived there over half a century. He was a native of Ireland, and was 70 years of age.

NEWS of Monday last from Rossland says that shipments of ore from Rossland camp for the week ending then were reduced by the tying up of one of the railroads. This prevented several of the mines from shipping their normal output, and reduced the aggregate. The Le Roi sent out 4,300 tons; the Le Roi, No. 2, 1,200 tons, and the Giant, 60 tons; total, 5,560 tons. For the year to date, the output is 184,936 tons.

THE eighteenth annual session of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada will be held in Berlin on September 15th. Among the matters to be considered are: "Acts for the settlement of railway labor disputes; further to amend the act to restrict the importation and employment of aliens; to amend the conciliation act, 1900; the proposed amendment to the Trade Mark and Design Act, with a view of legalizing the union label.

THE Canadian Northern Railway has given a contract for 25 per cent. increase in the capacity of their new elevator at Port Arthur, now in course of construction. It will make the capacity two million bushels. The C.P.R. superintendent of transportation states that his road, even without new elevators here, will be in a better position to handle the crop this year than ever before. Storage for ten million bushels is now being built in Manitoba and the North-West, and where there was no storage, cars will be supplied in abundance to carry the grain. Ten thousand new cars and all the locomotives they could get are under order.

At the half-yearly general meeting of the London Joint Stock Bank (Limited), on 17th July, Mr. Howard Gilliat, the chairman, remarked that it was pardonable to reflect with satisfaction on the comparative ease with which the vast expenditure connected with the war had been met by this country. During the two and a half years of the war, over £200,000,000 had disappeared in what political economists termed wasteful expenditure; yet the bank rate had stood as high as 6 per cent. for only forty-two days, and at 5 per cent. for about double that period. The directors were declaring the same dividend as that which had been paid for several half-years, and they were continuing the policy of strengthening the internal resources of the bank.

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