Mercantile Summary.

The Dyment Hotel at Dyment, Northern Ontario, was on the 18th inst. destroyed by fire at a loss of $4,000, insured for about half that amount.

The Canadian Pacific Pulp and Paper Company are busy making preparations for the erection of a large pulp and paper mill at Swanson Bay, British Columbia. The sulphide mill is to have a capacity of twenty-five tons per day, besides which there will be a sawmill, etc.

Th organization of the National Drug and Chemical Company, which is the name under which the merger of drug companies is being formed, was completed in Montreal last week. Mr. D. W. Bole, M.P., is president; Mr. James Mattison, London, secretary; Mr. J. W. Knox, Montreal, vice-president; Mr. C. W. Tinling, Hamilton, treasurer. The combine comprises sixteen firms in Vancouver, Victoria, Montreal, St. John, Halifax, Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton, London and Winnipeg. The capital authorized is $6,000,000.

Among the things to be found in "The Canadian Almanac," which cannot be so readily found anywhere else, are the Canadian tariff of Customs; a list of the foreign consuls in Canada—and no one who has not looked them up has any notion what a large number of United States consuls there are; points and inspectors of the North-West Mounted Police; list of municipalities and registrars in Manitoba; of officials in the new Provinces; county officers in Quebec; synopsis of fishery laws, the game laws, the law of intestacy, description of the Royal Society of Canada, of the Law Society of Ontario, and of many societies and associations all over the Dominion. It contains 450 pages, and its price is only 40 cents.

The Canadian General Service and Colonization Company, of Montreal, to which we referred in a recent issue, has elected the following officers: Sir Adolphe P. Caron, Messrs. William J. Poupore, Camille Piche, M.P.; Dr. Louis J. Lemieux, M.L.A.; Lothar Reinhardt, P. Poulin and Charles J. Stilwell. At a subsequent meeting Mr. William J. Poupore was elected president, Mr. Camille Piche vice-president, Mr. Pierre Poulin secretary-treasurer, and M. C. J. Stilwell general manager. The company was formed for the purpose not only of assisting in bringing in a desirable class of settlers, investors and visitors into Canada, and in promoting trade and commerce with the Dominion, but of establishing a permanent exhibition hall and commercial museum in the city of New York, where an attractive display of Canadian products and manufactures will be maintained. The company will also publish a weekly periodical dealing with Canadian commercial affairs and noting all events that will mark the progress and prosperity of the Dominion.