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### Mercantile Summary.

O. L. Messier, a hotel-keeper at Farnham, Quebec, has been put into insolvency after a brief year's experience in that line. Previously he had kept store for a short time at Marieville, and before that he had been a station agent on the Central Vermont Railway.

The annual meeting of the directors of the New Westminster and Southern Railway took place last week at which the following officers were elected: Mr. A. Ewen, president; Mr. T. J. Trapp, secretary, and Messrs. J. C. Brown, C. G. Major and J. Hendry, directors.

The Brading Brewing Company, Limited, Ottawa, will take over the brewing business now carried on in Ottawa by the executors of the late H. F. Brading and will continue as brewers, maltsters, and manufacturers and dealers in beer and aerated waters. Their capital stock is given as \$100,000.

In a fire at Fernie, B.C., last week several buildings were totally destroyed, including the Free Press office, Caruthers' tailor shop, Sheard & Elliott's store, B. C. furniture store, Northern hotel, Kenny & McLeod's tailor shop. The Waldorf hotel was badly damaged. Total loss is estimated at \$50,000, with insurance amounting to about one-third.

The Northern Construction Company, Limited, has received a Dominion charter. Its capital stock will be \$100,000, and head office at Montreal. It will construct public and private buildings of all kinds and carry on a general building and contracting business. W. R. Stavelly, of Montreal, advocate, is looking after the company's interests.

The steamship "Argyle" plying between Toronto and Oshawa last week ran aground in a fog and for some time the position of her passengers was perilous. They were, however, conveyed to safety by the Donnelly wrecking steamer. After three days she was released and towed to shore, when it was seen that her hull had been seriously damaged.

It is stated that the Lake Superior Consolidated Company have in view the erection of a coke plant with a capacity sufficient to supply the 150,000 tons of coke now consumed annually. Many orders of various kinds have been received, and the present daily output amounts to 500 tons of rails and 450 to 500 tons of pig iron. The total output of rails since the mill was started eight months ago amounts to 100,000 tons.

It is said the Great Northern will run a line from St. John, North Dakota, to Brandon, Manitoba, where terminal facilities have been secured, and it is supposed that this is part of that corporation's struggle with the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk Pacific. From Devil's Lake, North Dakota, to the Rocky Mountains, a distance of over 1,000 miles, the Great Northern runs parallel with the international boundary, the average distance between the railway and the line being less than 70 miles.

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### Sale of Assets of the Oshawa Wire Fence Company, Limited.

Tenders will be received up to noon of the 30th day of August next, addressed to the undersigned for the purchase of the following assets of the above named Company:—

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Further particulars, terms and conditions of sale, with full description of the several parcels, will be mailed on application, or may be inspected at the Company's Office.

L. K. MURTON,

Secretary of said Company, Oshawa.  
Oshawa, July 22nd, 1905.

More rumors come to hand concerning the movement to consolidate the White Bear and California Mining Companies at Rossland, B.C. The White Bear has reached a depth of 900 feet, and it is proposed to extend a cross-cut from the lowermost level of the White Bear into the territory of the California, and from this cross-cut to explore the ground with diamond drills. There is an eighteen-foot iron capping on the California, and it is thought that somewhere in this ground there are some good ore shoots.