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R. M. MELVILLE, TORONTO.

Mercantile Summary

ARRANGEMENTS are being made at the Kootenay mine, Rossland, B.C., for the installation of reduction works, and developing work is at a standstill there pending these.

THE customs returns at Vancouver, B.C., for the month of January amounted to \$94,613, as compared with \$77,430 for the same month of last year, though the latter included \$10,000 for Chinese immigration fees.

IN our issue of the 5th inst. it was stated that "Jacob Rothschild, of Sault Ste. Marie, has now assigned to John McD. Hains, of Montreal." We should have said that he has assigned to John McD. Hains, Jr., of Ottawa.

THE "Journal of Commerce" building in Montreal was on Friday last destroyed by fire, together with its contents. The escape of the "Star" building and that occupied by S. Hyman, tobacconist, is attributed to the presence of a thick dividing wall.

THE Toronto Electric Light Company have given a contract to the Canadian General Electric Co., Peterborough, for the supply of two Curtis steam turbine generators of a capacity of 2,500 horsepower each. This will be, we understand, the first manufacture in Canada of Curtis turbines.

THE Jesse Ketchum public school, Toronto, was partially gutted by fire on Monday last at a loss of about \$32,000, with an insurance of only \$9,825. As in the case a few weeks ago, the pupils, of whom there were over 800 in the building, all escaped without the slightest injury, a consummation attributed largely to the excellent system of fire drill, which trains the children to make their exit in an orderly manner.

THE vest pocket reference annual compiled by Mr. H. J. P. Good is published this year by the Copland Brewing Company, of which Robert W. Davies is president and J. E. Davies managing director. Its records of winners for many years past on the turf, on the water, on the ice, on the diamond, the cricket crease, the lacrosse field, the bowling green are all in convenient compass. Then there are provincial game laws, close seasons, etc. It is a very convenient little book.

THE shipments of ore from the Rossland, B.C., mining district for the week ending Saturday last were as follows: Le Roi, 4,860 tons; Centre Star, 1,200 tons; War Eagle, 1,080 tons; Kootenay 100 tons; Jumbo, 150 tons; Le Roi No. 2, 580 tons; ditto (Elmore process mill), 340 tons; total for week, 8,310 tons; for the year up to date, 48,738 tons. There have been some remarkable developments in the 200-foot level of the Spitzie mine, it being reported that the drift at that depth is now in eight feet of \$20 ore. At this mine there are ample facilities for the treatment of ore, including low-grade, so that its development is likely to place it in the front rank.

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