Mercantile Summary

THE Quebec Railway, Light and Power Company has begun the laying of a double track from Beauport to Montmorency.

THE damaged flour from the steamship "Ottoman," wrecked some few days ago, was sold by auction at the Dominion Line wharf, Montreal. The lot consisted of 700 bags, which fetched $1.55 per bag.

THE Quebec Southern Railway has assumed control of the East Richelieu Valley Railroad, and the United Counties Railway, of Canada, with operating headquarters at St. Hyacinthe.

THE Department of Marine and Fisheries are calling for tenders for the construction of two steamers for the protection of fisheries in British Columbia. They are to be built at Victoria, Vancouver, Nanaimo, or Westminster. Plans are on view at the Marine Department, Victoria, and at the Customs' Departments of those cities.

MONTREAL city council has approved of a plan proposed by the Grand Trunk Railway Co. of elevating their tracks from St. Bonaventure station as far as the city limits. There will be some eight tracks at the platform, which, by the time they reach Aqueduct street, will have dwindled into four. At Aqueduct street, a single track, which has been termed the low level or incline track, will branch from the elevated tracks and grade down till it reaches the level at Mountain. Past Mountain it will continue its way till it reaches the proposed new Grand Trunk freight sheds on Albert street.

RECENTLY the Canadian Commissioners at Paris entertained one hundred and fifty representatives of the British Press Association in the food products section of the Canadian Pavilion. After a rapid tour of the section, in which were seen Canadian beverages, canned goods, cereals and honey, and the bottled grain and fruit, Commissioner Perrault outlined the position of Canada in the commercial world, her great resources, her industries, manufactures, climate and facilities for transportation, dwelling especially on the volume and importance of the export trade in foodstuffs, wheat, butter, cheese and fruit. The delegates are said to have been greatly impressed with Canada's resources and products.

A SHORT business career has been that of X. Forget, of Ste. Adele, Que., he having only started storekeeping in a moderate way last spring. He is reported as having given poor attention to business, and his habits are said to have been somewhat criticized, so that his failure does not create much surprise. ——P. Nicolle, a general building contractor, of Montmagny, has assigned. His shop, etc., were burned in the early summer, without insurance, and though the town gave him some assistance at the time he has been unable to continue. ——J. A. Dionne, general merchant, Lambton, Que., reported failed several weeks ago, has arranged a compromise at 50 cents, cash, on the dollar.