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Mercantile Summary.

A COMPANY has been formed in Vancouver, with the intention of establishing, either in that city or elsewhere in British Columbia, a large distillery.

THE C.P.R. will this spring build a twenty-five mile stretch of line east from Wetaskiwin, one of twenty-five miles east from Lacombe, and a forty-mile piece from Pheasant Hill to Lost Mountain. Foley, Larson & Co., of St. Paul, Minn., were the successful tenderers for these works.

THE Grand Trunk Railroad is said to be behind an extensive project which is on foot to build hotels at Lachine and various points. A company has been organized with Dominion charter under the name of the Imperial Hotels Company, Limited, capital \$100,000 at the start, for the purpose of carrying out the scheme.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway is said to have closed a contract with Foley Bros., Ottawa, for the construction of a section of railroad from Sudbury to Toronto. The route proposed is for it to leave the main line at Romford, six miles east of Sudbury, run through the townships of Dill, Burwash and Delamere, and cross the French River near Recollet Falls.

We hear from Kingsville, Ont., of the death of Mr. Colin Fox, well known as an old-time telegrapher in Detroit and Chicago, and as a newspaper proprietor in Amherstburg nearly forty years ago. Mr. Fox was born in or near Kingsville, and returned thither a dozen years ago to reside. He has been clerk in a store and telegraph operator for the last few years. A bad cold some three months ago resulted in death on Wednesday.

THREE considerable fires in two days are reported from Montreal. A fire broke out on the night of May 3rd in the warehouse of Thomas Sonne, and in half an hour a large quantity of awnings, tarpaulins, and goods of a similar nature were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$20,000. On the same day a fire occurred at the Eastern Abattoir, and destroyed cattle chutes, cattle cars, etc., to the amount of from \$5,000 to \$7,000, all of which is said to be covered by insurance. But the most serious fire was on yesterday morning, in the wholesale quarter, when the stock of Waldron & Drouin, hatters and furriers, was damaged by fire, smoke and water, to the extent of \$150,000. The firm claim to have \$160,000 insurance.

SHIPMENTS of ore from the Rossland district of British Columbia for the week ending April 30th were as follows: Le Roi, 1,287 tons; Centre Star, 1,507 tons; War Eagle, 1,166 tons; Le Roi No. 2, 590 tons, milled 280 tons; Spitzee, 90 tons; I. X. L., milled, 100 tons; total for the week, 5,020 tons; for the year up to date, 137,793 tons. Shipments from the Boundary mines were: Granby mines to Granby smelter, 9,960 tons; Mother Lode to Greenwood smelter,

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