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## Mercantile Summary.

THE Cleveland-Sarnia Sawmills Company have begun to operate the large new mill recently erected in Sarnia.

THE Wire & Cable Company, of Montreal, have ordered a 300 horse-power compound engine from the Robb Engineering Company of Amherst, N.S.

SIXTY acres of land has just been purchased a few miles from Ottawa for the site of a large new saw mill. There is a good water-power adjacent.

THE firm of McCuaig, Rykert & Co., stock brokers, Montreal, has dissolved partnership, Mr. Rykert leaving and Messrs. McCuaig continuing.

So many castings are being required for the various new bridges under construction in British Columbia, that the Vancouver Engineering Works are increasing the size of their machine shops and foundry quite considerably.

THE town of Berlin has carried a by-law granting a bonus of \$25,000 to the Ontario Sugar Refining Co., limited, toward the erection of a beet-sugar factory there, and Waterloo will vote on a by-law to grant a bonus of \$20,000 toward the same purpose on Tuesday of next week.

THE following is a list of Canadian patents recently issued on domestic and culinary inventions; Furniture caster, G. J. A. Richardson; gas burner, J. J. Gray; gas burner, T. E. Sinnberg; heated lunch box, Burr H. Skinner; heating drums, Henry M. Clay; heating pail, J. L. Pringle et al; heating stove, Stanley D. Robinson; knife-cleaning machine, Harry Shaw; lamp or burner, F. F. Dow; lantern, Willard R. Dobson; lantern carrier, Shedrick Holmes; oil lamp, Julio Guinaraes; pillow sham holder, William H. Church.

It has been made known this week that Mr. S. F. McKinnon has sold the most of his holding in the wholesale millinery firm of S. F. McKinnon & Co., limited, Toronto, which was established with a capital of \$300,000. Mr. McKinnon has sold his stock, to the extent of \$262,000, still retaining some shares, but giving the control and management to the new purchasers. They are Mr. James Alexander, for the past three years vice-president of the company; Mr. George Caldbeck, of Woodstock, and Mr. John S. McKinnon, a nephew, and a director of the company. The change in the firm is to take place on January 1st. Mr. McKinnon's business career in Toronto has been a long and interesting one, extending as it does over a period of thirty years. Formerly in the retail trade on King street, he went into wholesale as of the firm McKinnon, Proctor & McCall, in the seventies, and under various styles the business has increased and outgrown various successive warehouses. Mr. McKinnon's wealth is a legitimate result of shrewdness and enterprise, and he will remain in Toronto, where he has still extensive business interests.

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