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Mercantile Summary.

THE Dominion Line of steamships has decided to run a weekly passenger service between Montreal and Liverpool, and a weekly freight service between Montreal and Bristol and Antwerp during the coming summer. The passenger service will be conducted from Boston.

THE new direct line of steamers from Canada to South Africa seems to be meeting with success. The third voyage was completed the other day, when the "Melville" arrived in Capetown with a full cargo of Canadian products, such as farming implements, canned goods, oatmeal, furniture, etc. She will bring on her return trip wool and skins.

THE well-known glove manufacturers of Acton, Ont., W. H. Storey & Son, have completed what they describe as the most prosperous year's business in the history of this old-established firm. They are now advertising for forty more hands, as the present staff of workmen is not large enough to do the work required to fill all the orders already in hand.

It is announced that Chicago and New York capitalists are making arrangements to construct a six-story hotel, near St. James' Cathedral, and fronting on Victoria Square, Montreal, at a cost of \$1,500,000. It is planned to contain 480 rooms, to be 325 ft. long by 260 ft. wide, and to be completed within a year-so the talk goes.

We thank the Dominion Brewery Company for a copy of the Reference Annual of the Dominion Brewery Co., Limited, for 1903. It contains records of twenty different branches of sport, the game laws of Ontario, Quebec, and Manitoba, and the population of Canada, according to the census of 1901, and in seven previous decades, Parliamentary information, rates of postage, and other useful business information.

Woods, Baker & Co., wholesale lumber dealers, and a syndicate of Boston and New York capitalists, have, it is reported, bought out the property of the Exploit Lumber Co., comprising 1,100 square miles of timber areas in Newfoundland, the price being \$250,000. The tract, besides being heavily timbered, is said to have several valuable waterpowers, suitable for the operation of pulp and paper mills. There is already on the site a modern saw-mill with an output of 100,000 feet per day.

THE number of new vessels registered at the port of Halifax during last year was fifteen, consisting of three steamers of a total tonnage of 139, and eleven schooners and one sloop, with a total tonnage of 398. The number of vessels on the register, at Halifax, on December 31st last, was 436, with a tonnage of 19,-445, of which 60 were steamers, tonnage 4,439, and schooners, 339, tonnage, 13,112. At Sydney on the register at the same date were 97 vessels of 6,622 tons, which shows a slight decrease, compared with the previous year.

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