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Streets.**WINNIPEG**—Forrest Block, Main Street.**Mercantile Summary.**THE N.P.R. steamship "Tacoma," due  
from the Orient last week, has 35,472 packages  
of tea, of which 13,839 are for Canada. She  
also has 47 bales of silk for New York.THE receipts from customs duties at Petrolia  
for the past six months amounted to \$62,433.80,  
or nearly thirty per cent. We venture to think  
that this is the largest amount of revenue con-  
tributed to the Federal Government by any town  
of its size in Canada.THE "Aragon" is the latest leviathan built  
for the Canadian lake trade. She is a steel  
lumber steamer built by the Detroit Dry-Dock  
Company at the Wyandotte yards in that city.  
The vessel is 256 feet over all, 240 feet keel, 42  
feet beam, and 17 feet moulded depth. Her  
gross tonnage is 1,450 tons, and can carry  
8,800,000 feet of lumber.THE steel steamer "Queen City" has again  
broken a cargo record. The amount given out  
by the tally men when the spouts were taken  
from the hatches was 202,000 bushels of corn.  
This exceeds all previous records by 37,000  
bushels on a draft of 16 feet 3 inches forward,  
and 16 feet 9 inches aft. Recently she carried  
4,067 tons of iron from Lake Superior.THE Belleville box and basket factory has  
been destroyed by fire, and about twenty-five  
hands are out of employment. It appears  
that there was not sufficient pressure to  
throw the water over the roof of the building.  
The loss will be over \$12,000. The building,  
plant and stock was insured for \$7,000 in the  
Phoenix, Guardian and British America Insur-  
ance companies. It is now uncertain whether  
the factory will be rebuilt this season or not.R. DONALDSON & SON, a firm of shipsmiths  
at Montreal, who a few years ago expanded  
into a general iron-working business, doing  
considerable in structural metal work, have got  
beyond their depth, and held a meeting of their  
creditors last Saturday, at which they showed  
liabilities of about \$23,000, and apparent assets  
of about \$35,000, largely represented by ma-  
chinery, plant, etc., of doubtful value. Being  
unprepared with an offer, a demand of assign-  
ment has been made upon them.It now looks as if the manufacturers of  
Hamilton may have not only cheap water but  
power at a reasonable cost. A corporation  
known as the Cataract Power Co. is said to be  
about constructing a plant for the transmission  
of power to Hamilton, and in connection  
therewith wishes to supply water to the city.  
This company proposes to utilize Decew Falls,  
near St. Catharines. The company will agree  
to put in pumps and supply to the reservoir  
2,500,000,000 gallons per annum, or one-quarter  
more than last year's supply, for the sum of  
\$13,000 a year; this to include all repairs, and  
the steadiness of the supply to be guaranteed,  
but the maximum for any day to be not more  
than 10,000,000 gallons. The average last  
year was about 5,000,000 gallons. At the price  
mentioned the actual cost of pumping for  
2,500,000,000 would be half a cent per 1,000  
gallons. Mr. E. A. C. Pew, a professional  
projector, hearing of this offer, proposes that  
the Hamilton and Lake Erie Power Company,  
which he represents, he claims, will save  
Hamilton \$20,000 a year by furnishing all the  
power used by the city at \$25 per horse-  
power. He also says that he has completed  
arrangements with capitalists for the construc-  
tion of the electric plant, and has closed a  
contract under which the plant is to be in  
operation by November next. He will also  
undertake to run the waterworks machinery at  
a cost of \$10,000 per year, instead of \$13,000  
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