Mercantile Summary

GEO. BROWN's three-story dry goods store, at St. Roch's, Quebec, was this week destroyed by fire. The loss is about $20,000, with but little insurance.

M. KING gives notice of his intention to apply, at the next session of the British Columbia Legislature, for an Act to incorporate a company with power to construct and operate a line of railway from a point at or near Skidegate Harbor, on Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Islands group, and to construct branch lines to any points in the Queen Charlotte Islands, and telephone and telegraph lines, warehouses, stores, steamers and wharves.

THE report of the Department of Agriculture for Ontario shows that, taken as a whole, crops for the past season compared very favorably with previous years. Of fall wheat, there were grown, in round numbers, 23,369,000 bushels, an average of 21.9 bushels per acre, against an average of 20.2 bushels; spring wheat, 6,940,000 bushels, or 18.4 bushels per acre, against an average of 15.5 bushels; barley, 16,910,000 bushels or 29.3 bushels per acre, the average being 26.1; oats, 89,700,000 bushels, or 37.4 bushels per acre, as compared with an average of 34.9; peas, 14,058,000 bushels, being 21.2 bushels per acre, against 19.7, the usual amount. The only appreciable failing off was in turnips, of which 59,330,000 bushels were grown, showing a crop of 379 bushels to the acre, whereas the usual average in recent years has been 419 bushels.

THE Ontario Gazette informs us that charters have been granted to the following companies: The Owen Sound & Georgian Bay Park and Summer Resort Co., Limited; capital, $150,000; with head offices at Toronto; provisional directors to be J. H. McLaughlan, Lincoln Smith, and A. D. Creasor, of Owen Sound; J. F. Lee, Chicago, and A. H. Notman, of Toronto. The J. E. Crealy Davis Company, Limited, London; capital stock, $20,000. The Canadian Bridge Co., Limited, Walkerville, with a capital of $250,000. Mr. B. S. Colburn and other gentlemen of Detroit and St. Louis are among those interested. Ahearn and Soper, Limited, Ottawa, capital stock, $500,000; to carry on the business of manufacturing and supplying electrical apparatus. The Havana Cigar Co., Limited, Toronto; capital, $25,000. Abe Friedman and H. Armstrong, of Toronto, are among those who are applying for the charter. The Ballantyne Dairy Supply Co., Limited, Stratford; capital, $20,000. The Rider & Kitchener Co., Limited, Lindsay; capital, $100,000; to deal in wood, veneer, excelsior, etc., and to manufacture timber into finished articles. The Stobie Mining Company, Limited, Sault Ste. Marie; capital, $1,000,000; in which James Stobie, of Johnson township, and Albert Upton, of Duluth, are among those principally interested.