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Mercantile Summary.

THE directors of the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, are spending something like \$30,000 in improving and embellishing the building.

THE Ronald Fire Engine Company, of Brussels, have decided to remove to London, and are advertising for a suitable site for their factory.

ON the 23rd inst., there will be sold by public auction, the rolling mills property and plant of the Abbot-Mitchell Iron and Steel Company, of Ontario, Limited, at Belleville.

THE Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, is calling for tenders for the construction of a twin-screw steel steamer, 210 feet in length, 34 feet wide, and 18 feet deep. They will be received up to the 30th inst.

THE Columbia and Western Railway Company have succeeded in obtaining from the Dominion Government an extension of time of one year in which to construct their line; their application, however, for authority to construct branch lines, thirty miles long, was disallowed.

DURING the last fiscal year, there was a falling off of about \$9,000 in the receipts of the New Brunswick Crown Lands Department, the figures being \$184,984, for 1899, and \$175,818 for 1900; the decrease being due to the falling off of timber licenses. Stumpage, however, brought in \$14,000 more than in the previous year. Hunting licenses increased to a considerable extent.

THE special committee of the Ontario Legislature, which has had under consideration a bill empowering municipalities to prohibit the use of trading stamps within their boundaries, has decided to report in favor of the bill, with an amendment giving the trading stamp companies until January 1st, 1902, to go out of business. Merchants and manufacturers will be given power to issue coupons similar to those of the stamp companies, redeemable by themselves.

IT is stated that the Le Roi, War Eagle, and Centre Star mines have under contemplation the bringing in of water from near Sheep lake, and the erection of one or two very large concentrators. A line to bring in the water would cost \$150,000, and the concentrators would cost considerably more. However, it is claimed that \$4 ore could by these means be made to pay, as the ores could be concentrated at a cost of sixty cents to the ton. The operation of this plant would double the output of the camp.

LAST week a number of Spanish and Cuban cigar-makers went out on strike at the Montreal cigar factories, owing to their demand for higher wages being unaccommodated to. The federation of cigar-makers, with branches in Havana, Key West and New York, having decided not to allow any men to come in from those places to replace the strikers, the firms interested finally acceded to the demands of their employees. The new schedule of prices means an increase in price of about \$1 per thousand on most lines of cigars manufactured.

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