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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 Lon-
don, 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 Fish-
eries, 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 ex-
tension of time of one year in which to
construct their line; their application,
however, for authority to construct
branch lines, thirty miles long, was dis-
allowed.DURING the last fiscal year, there was a
falling off of about \$9,000 in the receipts
of the New Brunswick Crown Lands De-
partment, 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 consider-
able extent.THE special committee of the Ontario
Legislature, which has had under con-
sideration a bill empowering municipali-
ties to prohibit the use of trading stamps
within their boundaries, has decided to
report in favor of the bill, with an amend-
ment giving the trading stamp com-
panies 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 con-
centrated 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 un-
acceded 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 de-
mands of their employees. The new
schedule of prices means an increase in
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