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Mercantile Summary.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway have awarded the contract for building four new car and locomotive shops at Hochelaga, to Messrs. Lessard & Harris, of Montreal, the price being \$235,000. The buildings will be of brick and will be started at once with a force of 200 men.

HON. J. R. STRATTON is considering the advisability of establishing a private lighting plant at the Ontario Central Prison to light the prison, the asylum, the Mercer and the Parliament buildings. Last year the lighting of these institutions cost nearly \$10,000.

THE Canada Paper Company has placed an order with a firm in Wilmington, Del., for a machine that will turn out a sheet of newspaper over fourteen feet in width, to be set up at the company's works on the St. Francis River, Quebec, and expected to be in operation about the end of the year. It will weigh close on 400 tons, and will require a train of 25 cars in transit. It will turn out 35 tons of finished newspaper per day.

OTTAWA citizens are congratulating themselves on the completion of their main drainage system at a cost of over half a million dollars, as not only does it mark an important advance in the equipment of the city in this respect, but it will greatly improve its sanitary condition. In addition to this, the expenditure, owing to the exertions of Mr. Ker, the city engineer, has been kept well in within the original estimates.

It is stated that the Canadian Pacific has twenty-two million acres of land left, the Northern Pacific about twenty million and the Great Northern less than one million. The latter road will have disposed of all its lands within a short time. It is said that last year the average price received per acre was nine dollars. The Northern Pacific sold its lands last year in immense tracts to syndicates. Much of the land was timber land. The average price was \$1.50 an acre. The Canadian Pacific's sales of purely agricultural lands lying adjacent to the rails averaged \$3.25 an acre.

ARRANGEMENTS have been completed whereby the Windmill Point elevators will be erected by the Montreal Warehousing Company, instead of directly by the Grand Trunk Railroad. The grant of power to erect two elevators on Windmill Point was made by the Harbor Commissioners to the Grand Trunk on July 4th last. The present transfer is a formal matter purely. The shareholders of the Montreal Warehousing Company, in accepting the transfer, decided to leave all matters of detail in the hands of the directors. An issue of bonds to the amount of \$750,000 was sanctioned. Mr. F. W. Moore was elected to the Board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Chas. Percy. The excavation for the first elevator has already commenced, and the intention is to have the structure ready for next year, with a capacity of 1,000,000 bushels.

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