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Mercantile Summary.

ACCORDING to the school census, just completed, the population of Chicago is 1,619,226, in which are included 902 Chinese.

"WHEN I say that every enterprise, every business, every institution must be advertised in order to be a success," declares Mr. Chauncey Depew, "I only voice the opinion of every thoughtful, sensible business man."

THE Winnipeg Free Press says that Eugene Van Lierde, of Gretna, is leaving for Europe to deliver lectures on the resources of the Canadian North-West. He is particularly interested in Belgian immigration. He will endeavor to have the products of Manitoba exhibited at the international exposition at Brussels in 1897.

THE necessary amount of capital has now been subscribed to enable the directors of the Edmonton district railway to proceed as soon as the inevitable red tape and circumlocution office routine has been gone through. The subscription of stock, including the \$50,000 by the town, now amounts to \$130,000.—*Edmonton Bulletin*.

AT Winnipeg the amount of Customs dues collected in June was \$57,730. The value of dutiable goods entered was \$188,801 and of free goods \$46,872, as compared with \$152,731 and \$55,599 in the same month of 1895. The exports were of the value of \$79,847, which is some \$15,000 less than those of the previous June.

By the will of the late Godfrey H. Payzant, of Windsor, N.S., the sum of \$20,000 is left to that municipality for the improvement of the place, a very public-spirited act on the part of the deceased gentleman, and one the appreciation of which, we hope, will be shown by the prudent application of the money to the needs of the town. Mr. Payzant also bequeaths \$100,000 to Acadia College to endow two new chairs, one in theology.

MONTREAL news states that the British war ships "Intrepid" and "Tartar" are in that port this week. During the stay of these vessels the flag of Admiral Erskine is to be carried on the "Intrepid." On leaving Montreal they will sail for Halifax to join H. M. ships "Crescent," "Mohawk," "Magicienne," "Pallas," and "Partridge." Doubtless the whole of these ships of the British navy will be on view in the harbor of Halifax during the naval display which that city promises this month.

ONE of the stalwart business men of Halifax, W. C. Moir, who has been engaged in the bakery business in that city for over half a century, died on Sunday last, aged 74. He was one of the most persevering of Canadian business men, and established the largest bakery and confectionery manufactory in the provinces.

THE Northern Pacific Steamship Company's steamer "Victoria," on her last voyage from Japan, made the run from Yokohama to Victoria in 13 days 2½ hours, although delayed in the Straits, after passing Cape Flattery, by fog, and an hour at the Canadian quarantine station. Silk shipments made from Yokohama on this steamer were laid down in New York city in 19 calendar days.

A PRESS telegram states that the contract for the entire development of 20,000 horse-power on the Richelieu River, the outlet of Lake Champlain, has been let to the Stilwell-Bierce and Smith-Vaile Company, of Dayton, Ohio, for \$550,000, the electric machinery not being included. This power is to be carried to Montreal by wire and electrically distributed, the distance being about 12 miles.

MR. WILLIAM HASKINS, city engineer of Hamilton, a worthy gentleman and a good official, died suddenly on Sunday last. He was a man who deserved the marked respect in which he was held, and for forty years—he died at 70—he served the citizens of Hamilton faithfully and died in harness. In the course of an appreciative notice, the *Times* says of deceased: "His life work was here, and he leaves numerous monuments of his skill in the public works constructed under his supervision. Mr. Haskins was a careful, studious man, and his only fault was a lack of self-assertion." . . . "He understood every detail of the waterworks and sewerage systems, and when not interfered with by the aldermen he made no mistakes."

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