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Phercantile Summary.

THE business of the Grand Trunk Railway at Sherbrooke for the month of August last, amounted to \$21,239.95, an increase of \$5,027.96 over the receipts for the same month last year.

THE village of Cowansville gets along with an assessment of one mill in the dollar for municipal purposes. The valuation of the real estate according to the Observer, is \$259,400; other taxable property, \$6,100; property exempt from taxation, \$20,000. Total \$285,500.

A PLOT of land, three or four acres in extent, close to the railway, has been purchased, on which to erect the Windsor, N. S. Cotton Factory. The brick and stone necessary have been engaged and the foundation begun, and superstructure is to be undertaken before winter sets

THE Great Western Railroad Company appears to have got ahead of the ticket "scalpers. The excursion tickets they issue do not lear the name of the station from which they were issued. but the place is indicated by a number, the key to which is in the possession of the conductor only.

A widow in Philadelphia who keeps a shoe store owns a parrot which repeatedly cries: "Say, come over here and buy some shoes." This amused the passers-by, but two rival shoe dealers on the other side of the street thought the parrot was alluring away their trade by his oft. repeated entreaties, and they brought suit against the widow and caused her to be bound over in the sum of \$500 on the charge of maintaining a nuisance. And still the parrot coies: "Say, come over here and buy some shoes."