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Mercantile Summary.

THE Cunard Steamship Line has given an order for the construction of a turbine steamer for Atlantic service. She will be of a capacity of 12,000 tons.

La Compagnie Electrique St. Claire, headquarters at St. Anselme, Que., capital stock \$50,000, will build an electric line in the counties of Dorchester, Bellechasse and Levis.

Some ingenious man or men in Truro, Nova Scotia, making unshrinkable underwear, have adopted the plan of sending out through mail sample boxes, as big as a lady's hand, each containing a sample of a pair of doll's drawers.

At the opening of the Legislature of British Guiana, on the 18th inst., Governor Sir James Swettinham announced that a preference of 10 per cent. in duties would be given to imports from the United Kingdom and Canada.

THE city council, of Sherbrooke, Que., at a meeting last week, decided to give the Sherbrooke Light, Heat and Power Co. \$233,000 for the electric light and gas plants. A by-law is to be submitted to the ratepayers at an early date.

THE Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Navigation Company, or Wolvin syndicate, the name by which it is better known, has surprised the shipping and commercial community, of Quebec by the announcement of their intention to remove their head office from that city to

THE Laprairie Brick Company, Limited, capital, \$300,000, recently in receipt of a Dominion charter, will take over the business now carried on in Montreal by the Laprairie Co., and will manufacture bricks, tiles, and other products of clay, shale, and similar materials. prominent member of the company is Mr. Peter Lyall, of Montreal.

WE are told that Mr. H. H. Gildersleeve, son of the general manager of the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Co., has been appointed to the management of the Northern Navigation Company, with headquarters at Collingwood. Mr. Gildersleeve was formerly general manager of the Lake Ontario and Bay of Quinte Navigation Company.

THE C.P.R. steamer, "Lake Michigan," collided with a barque off Dungeness, England, last week, and at last reports fears were expressed lest she should become a total wreck. The cargo was made up of 4,314 barrels of apples, chiefly from the Annapolis Valley, 447 head of cattle, 24,307 bags of flour, 8,895 boxes of cheese, besides quantities of hay, wheat, glucose,

A NEWS-ITEM from Rat Portage Ont., says that work is progressing steadily and favorably at the Sultana mine. Machine drilling is being vigorously carried on and the ore chute located last October at the bottom of the mine has now been followed to a further depth of over 75 feet. In addition to this, ore body has been found in five or six different places. One of the cuts shows ore which has every appearance of being valuable.

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