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### Mercantile Summary.

Notice is given of application for letters patent to incorporate the W. A. Gardner Tool Company, of Brockville. Capital, \$100,000.

From New Glasgow we hear that a new firm of the name of Fanjoy & Co. is opening on the 1st May a clothing and men's furnishing store in that town, on the corner of McLean street.

On Monday afternoon, the steamship "Vancouver." of the Dominion Line, arrived in Ouebec with 480 steerage passengers. She is the first mail steamer to arrive in that port this

IT is announced that the formal opening of the new Union station, at Toronto, will take place on Monday, May 4th, when Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson, president of the Grand Trunk Railway, who is to arrive in Canada about then, will probably be present.

DURING the past winter, the Beaver Steamship Line carried to England from St. John, N.B., 5,519 sheep, 3,229 cattle, and 849 horses. The Donaldson Line is reported to have carried about 2,000 cattle, 3,000 sheep, and a large number of horses, says the St. John Sun.

HALIFAX is to have a summer carnival, 28th to 30th July, and there will be gala sights on the harbor, as well as ashore, the seamen of the fleet assisting. It is not too early for those who want to go to begin to lay their plans and enquire of the Intercolonial Railway for rates.

THE Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway has decided not to extend its line from Ridgetown to St. Thomas this year. The council of the latter city refused to submit to the citizens a bonus by-law for \$20,000, until they were assured that the Government would bonus the

CIRCULARS issued by the Reading, the Lackawanna and the Lehigh Valley companies gave the first intimation of an advance in the price of anthracite coal that is expected to become general. Each coal-producing company will make a general advance of 25 cents per ton, to take effect May 1.

IT is said that there are twenty million Auer or Wellsbach lights in use. News reached Hartford last week that the English Court of Queen's Bench has just declared valid the English patents of the Wellsbach Incandescent Light Company, and has set a perpetual injunction against the infringements.

A HALIFAX despatch of Sunday last says that the sealing steamer "Nimrod" has arrived at St. John's, Nfld., with 4,000 seals, and the "Iceland," with 18,000. Several schooners have also arrived there, bringing 6,000 more. All the steamers are now in, except the "Au-The total catch will be about 200,000.

QUEBEC and Peterboro' had a brisk fight for the honor of entertaining the Canadian Wheelmen's Association on the 1st of July, and Quebec won. It now appears that a similar spirited fight between Winnipeg and Victoria for the same honor is among the possibilities of 1898. Victoria has had a road race of her own, one of fifteen miles, which drew a large crowd of people and created a great deal of interest.

THE offices of the Montreal Street Railway have been removed from the old building on the eastern corner of Place d'Armes Hill and Craig street to the fine new building on the western corner. All the staff of the company, with exception of Mr. James Ross, managing director, and Mr. Granville Cunningham, manager and chief engineer, will be accommodated on the ground floor. The gentlemen named will occupy suites of offices on the third floor.

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