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Mercantile Summary.

It is stated that a branch railroad is to be built along the beach connecting Sandy Point in Bay St. George, Newfoundland, with the mainland.

We are informed that a deal has been arranged by which the business of the Canadian Motors, Electric Vehicles Company, Toronto, will be taken over by the Canada Cycle and Motor Company.

It is reported in a despatch from London that the directors of the Cunard Steamship Company have signed contracts for the construction of the two new 25-knot steamships, which are to be subsidized by the Government.

THE Nickel Plate Mining Co., of Penticton, B.C., are about to put in a forty-stamp mill, as well as large reduction works. Altogether the improvements will cost nearly half a million dollars, so Mr. M. K. Rodgers, the manager says.

THE property-owners of Delorimier (Montreal) have voted in favor of a by-law authorizing a loan of \$35,000, for the purpose of buying new fire apparatus, extending the water mains, macadamizing certain streets and paying a floating debt of about \$10,000.

MR. S. E. CLEMENT, of Brandon, Man., acting for a syndicate formed at that place, has bought 40,000 acres of land in the vicinity of Carrot river, and the Pasquia Hills, Manitoba. The right-of-way for the Canadian Northern Railroad passes through the tract.

THE experimental plant for testing Rossland ores by Elmore oil concentration is being set up at the company's office, says a despatch, and a number of ore samples already filed for tests. War Eagle and Centre Star's experiment at Silica continue steadily and with good results.

COL. GARDNER, chairman of the relief committee of St. Andrew's Society, in Montreal, is authority for the statement that people of moderate means are really suffering owing to the present fuel situation, but conditions among the poor remain as in other years. Possibly there is less real distress among them this year than ordinarily.

CONTRACTORS are now at work on the plans for a new electric power and light plant to be installed at Rapid City, Man. A dam is to be put in the Little Saskatchewan river, from which the motive power will be derived. The company doing the work is known as the Rapid City Power, Light and Woolen Manufacturing Co.

THE operators, linemen and repairers of the Vancouver Telephone Company, after a strike lasting fifteen days, have returned to work, the larger part of their demands having been acceded to. Linemen will in future receive \$3 per day of eight hours, and operators from \$22.50 for beginners, to \$35 for trunk line operators.

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