

Mercantile Summary.

MONDAY'S St. John advices say that large shipments of lumber were being made from St. John to Barbadoes, and last week three schooners were chartered to load at Nova Scotia ports for Cuba. There is a feeling that the trade will be overdone.

THE city assessors of Montreal, accompanied by their secretary, are visiting Toronto to compare assessments, bylaws and charters with those of Montreal, for the purpose of having any pointers or new ideas submitted to the revisers of the new charter.

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THE Pope Manufacturing Co., of Hartford, Conn., have sent us a copy of its Columbia calendar for 1899.

THE statement made last week, and which we copied, referring to the adoption of Imperial penny postage on the Prince of Wales' birthday, was premature. It is to come into force on Christmas Day. As to 2-cent postage instead of 3-cent throughout the Dominion, we are likely to see that within six months.

WE are sorry to have omitted noticing last month the Export Edition of the Canada Lumberman. It is a handsome paper of 44 pages letter press, with illustrated descriptions of saw mills in Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia; views of the new pulp mill of the Chicoutimi Pulp Company, and portraits of shippers of spruce lumber.

A LONDON cable of Monday last said that the Canadian Company's first sailing on the line from Milford Haven to Paspébiac, Que., is announced for the 7th of December. A service of fourteen knot vessels is promised till April next, after which seventeen-knot vessels will be put on the line. This is the company that expects to carry the Canadian mails across the ocean two days quicker than at present.

THE war between the Bell and the People's Telephone companies seems to be at an end, says The Windsor Record. In Windsor the Bell company have secured an exclusive franchise; in London the People's are not taking advantage of the franchise they secured and are asking for an extension of time, and in St. Thomas, according to The Journal, both the Bell people and the People's company seem to have given up the fight.

THE Lobster Commission, having completed thirty-four sittings along the shores of Western Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, is now to take evidence in New Brunswick and the province of Quebec. As at present constituted the commission consists of Professor Prince (chairman), Messrs Robert Lindsay, Gaspe; Patrick J. Sweeney, Shediac; S. E. Gallant, Egmont Bay; Arch. Currie Souris, P.E.I., and Donald Campbell, Margaree Forks, C.B. They sit this week at Bathurst and Shippegan; next week they will sit at Perce, Douglastown and Chatham. Later still, at points along Northumberland Strait.

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