

Mercantile Summary.

THE branch at Vernon, B.C., of the Bank of Montreal has been removed into new quarters in Martin's brick block.

CITIZENS of Hanover, Ont., which is without fire protection, are bestirring themselves to provide the same before a big fire comes which may destroy half the village.

THE telegraph cable from the mainland of Essex to Pelee Island, in Lake Erie, has been broken, presumably by a vessel's anchor, but the repairs were to be completed by Monday night last.

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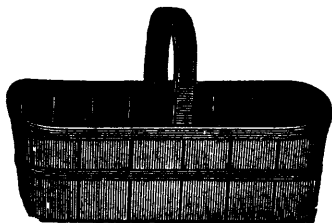
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It is said that next year's council of the town of St. Boniface will make an effort to build a free traffic bridge across Red River at James or McDermott street. The Winnipeg city council will be asked to renew its offer of \$10,000 towards the construction of a bridge.

THE Intercolonial Railway received last week about 106 new coal flat cars. The Crossen Car Company, of Cobourg, and Messrs. Rhodes & Curry, of Amherst, each made about half the lot. The cars are equipped with the Westinghouse air brake and self coupler.

THE Jenckes Machine Co., of Sherbrooke, are shipping to British Columbia a large steam air compressor, made by them for the Rand Drill Co. The steam cylinders are 18-inch, and 32-inch and 30-inch. The air cylinder is 18-inch by 30-inch. The balance-wheel is 12 feet in diameter and weighs 14,000 pounds. The *News-Letter* says the total weight of the whole machine is about 65 tons.

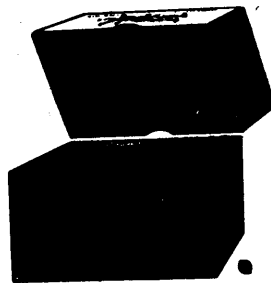
ABOUT a thousand of the citizens of Victoria, B.C., have petitioned for a change in the municipal system making the office of chief of the fire department an elective one. The matter was discussed at a meeting of the city council a week or more ago. The petitioners desire to have the chief engineer elected by the votes of the people, say, once in three years, and only from those who have had experience as firemen.

IN Fredericton, N.B., new business and residential structures, to the number of a dozen or more, are projected for the coming spring. J. Clark & Son will erect a brick building at the corner of King and York streets. Mrs. Cameron proposes to tear down the building on Queen street occupied by Miss Ross Hayes and the five and ten-cent store, and to build a brick structure on that site. It is also the intention of Frank McGolderick to erect a three-story brick structure.

THE trade edition of the *St. John Globe*, published with the issue of the 9th instant, is an extremely creditable compilation, in clear type on excellent paper. It consists of 16 pages of six columns each, devoted to illustrations and descriptions of the principal commercial buildings in St. John. There are views of various bank buildings of the city, notably the handsome head office of the Bank of New Brunswick, the branches of the Bank of Nova Scotia, the Bank of Montreal, the Halifax Banking Company.

A FIGURE, as respected as it was familiar, has passed away from the streets of Montreal in the sudden death last week of Senator Edward Murphy. No citizen of Montreal, probably, had a greater number of friends and admirers than the active, kindly, useful gentleman who, on Monday last, was laid in his grave, and no one better deserved them. Whether in business life, in the Senate or in connection with charitable work, he was always the same trustworthy and generous citizen; and the estimation in which he was held by people of different races and creeds is the best testimony to the steadfastness of his character. Mr. Murphy came from Ireland when a boy, and, at the age of 14 years, began his business life as a clerk in a hardware store. After 14 years of steady application to work, he rose to the responsible position of chief salesman in the noted house of Frothingham & Workman. In 1859, he was made a partner in the business, and retained his connection with the firm up to the time of his death. Mr. Murphy had been president of the City and District Savings Bank, was appointed a Harbor Commissioner in 1879, and a Senator in 1889. He had lately passed his 77th year.

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