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## mercantile Summary.

GEORGE E. DESBARATS, of Montreal, the wellknown Canadian publisher, succumbed on Saturday last, at the age of 55, to an affection of the heart. Besides the many journals which he founded, the produced French-Canadian works, notably "Les (Euvres de Champlain," Mr. de Gaspe's "Anciens Canadiens" in French and English, Gagnon's "Chansons Populaires." He was the first to introduce photo-engraving into Canada, and was considered an authority in art matters.

A New WESTMINSTER, B. C., friend writes us as under : " Temperature here Jan. 31st was 10 degrees below zero; the like is not on record since '61. The Fraser River is frozen over and good ice ten inches thick has been housed in this city-a bonanza for the fish exportersbut the cold snap has had a paralyzing effect on business. On the above mentioned day the largest dry goods store took in one dollar and sixty cents, and six customers entered the doors of the leading bank. Cold weather may do in Ontario, but keep it on your side of the Rockies, please ; we cannot do with it here. Houses are not built for it and the heating arrangements in buildings wholly unfit for it; much real suffering has been experienced in consequence and much loss. In this place fully three fourths of the houses using city water had burst pipes, and in nearly every house potatoes, house plants, etc., were frozen. In the cattle-ranching country the loss has yet to be ascertained, but must be enormous; large quantities of hay are being shipped into the upper country to keep the cattle alive. However, a warm wave has now reached us and the snow and ice are going fast."

