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Mercantile Summary

THE customs returns for Winnipeg for July were \$266,347; those for July, 1902, were \$178,858.67; or the large increase of \$87,489.33.

THE Prescott, Ont., Elevator was on the 31st ult. sold in the Ottawa Court House at public auction, to Mr. W. L. Marler, for \$28,000. Its original cost was \$150,000.

THE Fredericton, N.B., Gas Company has sold out its electric light plant to the city for \$15,500. The latter will put in some new machinery and begin operations in October.

WE acknowledge the receipt of a lithograph illustrating "The Goodrich Rubber Man's Vacation." It represents a golf club-house and grounds, with appropriate figures and accessories, among them a charming reproduction of the "Helen," with her arms clasped behind her head, whose life-size portrait has enchanted so many. But the foreground of the lithograph is taken up with the Goodrich automobile from Akron, Ohio, with its smiling mascot in front and four lovely maids in Juliet costumes being driven by "Our Artist." The legend attached, in slightly mechanical rhyme, is as thus:

A little of Nature; A sprinkling of Art,
Some sunshine (bottled) and rubber
enough to play its part.

THE first annual meeting of the United Typewriter Company, Limited, Toronto, was held last week, with President W. H. Shaw in the chair. As a result of the first 6 months' operations, a dividend at the rate of 7% per annum was declared, and the sum of \$7,360 added to rest account. All the old directors and officers were re-elected. The company have made arrangements to increase materially the sale of the well-known Underwood and Empire typewriters, and it is believed that the results at the next annual meeting will be even more gratifying. They are about to purchase the Snowden Chambers, a five-story building on Adelaide street east, which will be re-named Typewriter Chambers, and used as business headquarters.

THE outward cargo of the steamship "Lake Manitoba," which grounded in a fog outside Montreal harbor, but by being lightered was released, unhurt, on Sunday last, was a valuable one, and appears to have sustained no damage. It is interesting to make a list of the various merchandise she carries to the Old Country: Wheat, bushels, 65,528; corn, bushels, 24,053; flour, sacks, 2,705; flour, barrels, 120; oatmeal, bags, 300; deals, ends and boards, 69,011; firewood lumber, pieces, 3,303; leather, packages, 43; hay, bales, 4,205; wood-board rolls, 241; pulleys, crates, 91; fittings, cases, 23; Swiss food, cases, 25; typewriters, 11; chrome, iron, 150; phosphorus, cases, 150; sundries, 3; cheese, boxes, 7,496; canned meats, cases, 1,051; lard, packages, 373; meats, packages, 2,268. Add to this nine packages of express matter.

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