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Mercantile Summary.

THE faculty of the University of Bir-
mingham has accepted the offer of Mr.
Andrew Carnegie to contribute the sum
of \$250,000 to the university, conditional
upon such university being made a scien-
tific one.

WE hear from Montreal that a number
of friends of Mr. William Weir, president
of the Ville Marie Bank, will celebrate the
fiftieth anniversary of that gentleman's
entry into the banking business by pre-
sented him with an oil painting of him-
self. Mr. Weir has been president of the
Ville Marie Bank since 1881, resigning in
that year the vice-presidency of the Jac-
ques Cartier Bank, to accept his present
position.

A LETTER from Kamloops, B.C., to a
Nova Scotia paper, has the following:
"We have a very good little town here,
with about 2,000 of a population. We
own our own water-works and electric
light plant, and Nova Scotia furnished the
engine for our electric light plant. There
are considerable mining operations start-
ing up within a few miles of the town."

THE Montreal pipe works at London-
derry have been doing a rushing business,
turning out 1,200 to 1,400 tons of water
pipe daily. Orders are booked every week
by towns throughout the provinces.

A LETTER reaches us from Mr. I. L.
Hobden, who was mentioned on page
1477 of last week's issue. Mr. Hobden
considers our account of his failure mis-
leading and damaging to him. He wishes
it made clear that he has been two and
three-quarter years in Waterloo, and one
and one-quarter years in Berlin. Next
he discovers some "hidden meaning" in
our statement, that, after a fire in his
premises, for which he had received in-
surance money, he was slow in paying;
and he thinks we "insinuate that he ap-
propriated the insurance money." We
had no such notion, nor would anybody
but Mr. Hobden, who seems unduly sen-
sitive, draw such a meaning from our ac-
count. However, we print the conclusion
of his letter, which says: "I have had
an uphill fight to get along ever since I
have been in business, and have always
endeavored to pay everyone a hundred
cents on the dollar. If it had not been for
the insurance money I received after the
fire, my creditors would have fared far
worse than they have done."

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