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Mercantile Summary.

A MEETING of the Dominion Grocers' Association was held in Montreal on the 30th inst. Representatives were present from nearly all the branch guilds in the various cities.

ONE of the Kingston Forwarding Company's barges had on board, one day recently, 31,500 bushels of grain. This, says an exchange, is the largest load of grain that ever went through the canal.

WE notice that Messrs. Rice Lewis & Son have fitted up the premises adjoining their already extensive warehouse on King st. east, in this city. The new branch is devoted exclusively to art-tiles and grates without which, it is said, no new house can be termed thoroughly artistic.

A MEETING of the retail grocers of Hamilton was held in the early part of last week for the purpose of considering the advisability of forming a retail grocers' association to act in conjunction with the wholesale association. About seventy-five firms were represented, and the following resolution was unanimously carried: That in the opinion of this meeting the forming of a retail grocers, association is advisable to further the best interests of the trade. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws.

Under the heading of "Things at Hand," a writer in the N. Y. Times has the following:-" Erastus Wiman declares he could not be interested in so many ventures if he did not have a thoroughly competent representative in charge of each, and attributes his success in all of them to this fact as much as to his judgment in regard to the enterprises. He says a good business or enterprise can be effectually killed by a bad manager, while a bad business may be made paying by a good manager, and he therefore considers the selection of a good manager of first importance.

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