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Mercantile Summary.

THIRTY flat cars for the Canada Pacific Railway, manufactured by the car works at London, arrived last week at Fisher's Landing, on their way to Emerson.

IT is said that the Government at Ottawa will sanction the portion of Dr. Shultz's Colonization Railway Bill which relates to a railway from Winnipeg to Rock Lake.

THE Carman Bros., of Halifax, N.S., propose to begin the drug business in Emerson, Man., their stock of drugs, etc., is on the way. They went down to Winnipeg to pass examination. and secure a license.

THE International advises that Emerson, which is growing rapidly, and whose buildings are mostly wooden, should adopt some means of protection from fire, such as the organization of a hook and ladder company, or even a bucket brigade, seeing that it is on the banks of the Red River. The suggestion should be acted upon without a day's delay.

INSTEAD of running North-west from Selkirk. as indicated in Mr. Dennis' map of 1st March, 1878, crossing the narrows of Lake Manitoba. and skirting further north and west, the Southern end of Lake Winnipegoosis, Dr. Tupper has announced that the main line of the Canada Pacific R. R. is to run south of Lake Manitoba. It is also asserted, but not officially, that this summer will see a railway bridge built over the Red River at Selkirk.

THE works of the Nova Scotia Forge Company on the East River, New Glasgow, near the Pictou Branch Railway, have a capacity for manufacturing 2,000 tons iron per annum, of ship's-knees, car axles and railway forgings, and employ already from 30 to 40 men. They have a main building 180 feet by 65 feet, with wings 30 by 45 and 40 by 45 feet, of wood, besides office and coal sheds. Among the equipments are four steam hammers, ten cranes, three furnaces and eight forges; planers, car axle trimmers, a screw bolt machine, a hydraulic ship'sknee bender. A spur of the Intercolonial Railway connects with the works, and there are 2,000 feet of siding. Messrs. Fraser & MacKay, of New Glasgow, are proprietors.