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Mercantile Summary.

MR. W. L. MARLER, formerly Manager of the Merchants' Bank of Canada at St. Johns, and more recently manager of the same bank at Quebec, has been appointed assistant Inspector of that bank.

An argument of Henry Cabot Lodge, before the Massachusetts Club in favor of biennial elections, was that the people are too busy and interests are too manifold to permit people to give a month or two every year to political duties.

THE council of Megantic, Que., has passed a resolution to give a bonus of \$5,000 and exemption from taxes for twenty-five years to any new industry that will start there with a capital of \$100,000 and give employment to a certain number of people.

A SCHEME is broached by the Standard Oil Co. to pipe natural gas for heating and illuminating purposes in Buffalo. The plan is to lay a large trunk line from the Venango district to Corry, and thence to Buffalo. At Corry will be placed the pumping machinery necessary to force the gas to its destination.

FROM the phosphate mines of Ottawa county have this year been taken 25,000 tons of apatite, an increase over that of last year. The quantity shipped from Montreal up to the close of navigation was 24,290 tons, of which 4.239 tons went to Hamburg and the balance to British ports-Liverpool, London, Cardiff, Avonmouth, Bristol, Barrow, Glasgow, and other ports.

THE destruction of the fine premises of the Morse Soap Company in this city by fire on Tuesday night is a matter of regret. That the loss was so great is, we firmly believe-and the fire brigade chief emphatically says-the result of our patched and faulty fire-alarm system, which we have so often condemned The company announces that notwithstanding