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Mercantile Summary

THE St. Louis Purchase Exposition
was formally declared open on the 30th
ult.

THE proposition to establish zinc
smelting works at Fernie, B.C., appears
to be taking more tangible shape.

ANOTHER lumber deal is reported from
Nova Scotia. R. McGregor, of New
Glasgow, has bought the mill and prop-
erty of the late C. W. Lantz, at Mil-
ford. The purchase price is said to be
\$29,500.

THE Boston Transcript of April 26th
says: The Boston and Nova Scotia
Woollen Company, Limited, has been
incorporated under the laws of Massa-
chusetts with a capital stock of \$150,000
to manufacture woollen cloths in Nova
Scotia.

Two of the large wholesale and retail
book and stationery firms in Montreal
were amalgamated last week in the pur-
chase of the business of Cadieux & De-
rome by the Beauchemin Book Com-
pany. The new firm will supply French-
Canadian literature to French-Canadian
readers.

As an illustration of the fact that it is
not only Government, and railway lands
which are feeling the results of the influx
into Western Canada, the report of the
Calgary and Edmonton Land Company
for the past year may be quoted to show
that its sales were 129,975 acres, the price
realized being \$535,329, or an average of
64 cents per acre more than the year
previous.

FOR fifteen years a clerk in Quebec,
M. A. Gauvreau, of St. Raymond, Que.,
began storekeeping for himself about
eighteen months ago. He is already re-
ported in embarrassed shape, and is ar-
ranging an extension of time on liabili-
ties of about \$1,800.—J. B. Bornais, en-
gaged in the saw milling business at the
same place, is reported to have com-
promised liabilities of some \$6,000 at 20
cents on the dollar.

THE retail furniture dealers of the
Province of Quebec have formed a dis-
trict association in affiliation with the
National Retail Dealers' Association of
Canada, the officers for the current year
being as follows: Messrs. A. Renaud,
Montreal, president; D. Wishart, sec-
retary-treasurer; Executive, Messrs. Geo.
Vallier and James Perry, Quebec; J.
Keith Edwards, Sherbrooke; M. Laurin,
Three Rivers; N. G. Valiquette, G. A.
Emens and Wm. Tees, of Montreal.

It is many a day since visitors to that
beautiful Canadian summer resort, Prince
Edward Island, have commented upon
the lack of hotel accommodation in its
capital, Charlottetown. One day last
week one hundred and six passengers
from the "Minto" were landed in the
morning, and more than half of these
people were obliged to go wandering
around the streets seeking accommoda-
tion wherever it could be found. Does
Charlottetown not want visitors? or
does she expect them to be contented
with her old-fashioned boarding-houses?

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