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Mercantile Summary.

Belleville citizens have expended \$92,000 on new buildings this year.

THE first regular train over the New York, Chicago and St. Louis, known as the "Nickel Plate," Railroad left Chicago at 8 o'clock Monday morning for Cleveland, and the road is formally declared open for business.

THE Provincial Government of Quebec has entered suits for the collection of the new tax imposed by the Government, against the Grand Trunk, Canadian Pacific, Southeastern and Montreal, and Portland and Boston railways. The amounts vary from \$1,000 to \$7,000.

Belleville granted \$150,060 in aid of the Grand Junction Railway Company, in the belief that the Railway would be a benefit to the city. Now the citizens complain that, since the road became part of the Midland system it discriminates against Belleville.

THE street car has made its appearance in Winnipeg and passengers may ride along Main Street, upon a payment of ten cents, from the Assiniboine river to the market. This city is ahead of all other Canadian cities in one respect. Its Main Street is lighted by electricity.

A COMPANY is being formed at Plessisville, Que., to carry on a foundry, and to manufacture waggons, carriages &c. A charter is being applied for under the style of the Plessisville foundry, the capital to be \$50,000 in shares of \$100. The Hon. Senator Mercier signs as one of the first directors.

Notice is given that an application will be made to the Quebec Government, for letters patent incorporating the Colonial Company, organized to make chocolate coffee &c., the principal place of business to be at Montreal, and the capital \$50,000. The names of Messrs. E. A. Genereux, J. G. Laviolette, L. H. Massue T. E. Normand and Alexis Dubord are given as those of the first directors

A LETTER received from the States, written by a young Canadian, says: "Canadian druggists, that is, graduates of the Ontario College of Pharmacy. are looked upon as A 1 men, in the States, and a graduate coming from Canada has no difficulty in getting a position in a drug house over here. My only objection is that employers work their men from 14 to 16 hours per day. They pay you well but work you hard; and of course they require you to be competent."

A farm of 100 acres has just been purchased near Essex Centre, in the county of Essex, by Mr. A. Wright, on which he will erect a sugar factory the farm to be used for growing sorghum or sugar cane. For many years this cane has been grown in Essex, and syrup made from it. Mr. Wright's plan will be to buy out the cane from all the farmers who may grow it, and pay cash for it on the spot, so that farmers can market it like any other article, without waiting to go on the share system.