Mercantile Summary.

It is given out that the locomotive works are to be removed from Kingston to some place across the line, the cause being said to be the giving of contracts by the Canadian government to American firms.

An eastern syndicate, headed by Thos. Kennedy, is going to establish a two-sett woolen mill in British Columbia, probably at Nelson. The capital proposed is $125,000, of which about half has already been subscribed.

During August the sales of lands by the Manitoba Government amounted to 4,019 acres, for which the sum of $11,856 was realized, in comparison with 1,760 acres sold for $5,758 during the corresponding month last year.

As a result of the consolidation of 22 of the largest laundry concerns in Chicago into one corporation, prices have been advanced all along the line. The capitalization of the big combine is $2,000,000. The dude will mourn.

The Toronto Industrial Exhibition receipts this year show an approximate falling off of $3,000. Last year they totalled $88,300, and this year $85,300, in round figures. On Labor Day the receipts were $4,000 short, owing to the unfavorable weather, but since then $1,000 has been made up.

From the statements submitted at the Quebec Bridge Company meeting, says the Montreal Gazette, "it appears that the company has put in $50,000 odd of its own money to build a four or five million dollar bridge. If the task is accomplished promoters will have a new example of what may be accomplished by courage and a political pull."

Government returns show that five million bushels of wheat have passed through the Canadian canal at the Soo this summer. The return also shows that up to the end of July, 2,601 vessels carrying 3,804,237 tons of freight passed through the United States canal, and 497 vessels, carrying 297,528 tons of freight were locked through the Canadian "Soo" canal.

A Quebec despatch gives some particulars about the industrial progress of the Lake St. John neighborhood in the province of Quebec. It is stated that engineers have already commenced work upon the Grande Decharge (of the Saguenay), for the new pulp and other mills that are to be erected by American capitalists at a cost of two or three million dollars, and that all the capital has been subscribed for the immediate construction of a stone pulp mill on the banks of the Little Peribonca at the White Falls. Both the Mistassini and the Peribonca rivers flow into Lake St. John from north and east. It is further stated that on the shore of the Mistassini and Rat rivers colonization is advancing with rapid strides. The Trappists monks are farming and lumbering there on a very large scale, and furnishing employment to numbers of men. New roads and bridges are in course of construction through the rich agricultural lands of the district.