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Mercantile Summary.

THE president of the Canadian Pacific Railway has declared that the company will build in Winnipeg next spring a large hotel and station combined, costing about a million dollars. It will be 320 by 208 feet, six stories high, with three story towers.

THE directors of the Quebec, Hamilton and Fort William Navigation Company met on Monday last, and decided to accept the offer to build two steamers cabled from the Old Country by Adam Mackay. The steamers will cost in the neighborhood of \$260,000 or \$275,000.

THE annual report of McGill University, Montreal, says, in part, as follows: "The number of students in the several faculties, as reported so far are: Law, 61; Medicine, 436; Arts, 269; Applied Science, 229; Comparative Medicine and Veterinary Science, 15. These numbers compare favorably with those of last session.

JAMES A. SWORD commenced business in men's furnishings, in Toronto, about five years ago. He also went into the manufacture of men's neckwear, etc., and opened up branch stores throughout this city in the men's furnishing line. Owing to heavy expenses and strong competition, he has been forced to assign, with assets of about \$19,000, and liabilities of \$18,800.

THE Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railway people have unusual difficulty in finding cars by which they can accommodate their shippers. The Grand Trunk Railway were short at least 1,500 cars for loading purposes last Monday. Cars are being made in the workshops of both companies over the entire system, and flat cars are being converted into box cars.

CENTRAL Freight Association lines have adopted the recommendation of the Trunk Line Committee to make a further advance in grain rates on November 1st. The rate on export corn from Chicago to New York will be 18 cents per hundred pounds, and on domestic corn, 20 cents. On all other articles of grain or grain products, the export rate from Chicago to New York will be 20 cents, and the domestic rates 22 cents. The new tariff is the highest made in five years.

—It was the principal merit of the American food exhibition, perhaps its only merit from the grocer's standpoint, that it taught the grocers a much-needed lesson. Visiting storekeepers, hailing from frowsy, dingy, badly-littered stores, were dazzled by the simple effects of the booth-decorations in the food shows, but upon closer inspection they found that the same effects were within their own reach, at the cost of a little bunting or other drapery, and the time spent in arranging goods in neat, harmonious piles, and fluting or gathering the drapery.—Merchants' Review.



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