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## Mercantile Summary.

A NEW scissors factory at Brantford has secured a ten years exemption from taxes and the rental of a part of the old Watrous property, which is owned by the city.

SEPTEMBER 13th to 23rd is the period decided upon for the International Exhibition at St. John, N. B. Machinery is to be exhibited in motion.

THE Baie des Chaleur branch of the Atlantic and Superior Railway is now open from Metapedia station on the I. C. R., to New Carlisle, a distance of nearly 100 miles.

IT is not alone the Lake Erie counties of Ontario that can grow tobacco. The Cornwall Standard says that, J. J. Camron, of Greenfield, near there, has over three acres of tobacco growing this year and expects to make several hundred dollars out of it.

A TELEGRAM from Victoria, B. C., dated 28th July, says: "Artist Fripp, of The London Graphic, arrived here to-day from Dawson. He makes grave charges against subordinate officials of the postal department at Dawson, alleging that they levy tribute before delivering mail."

WE learn from The Almonte Gazette that the St. Lawrence Blanket Company, Gananoque, organized less than a year ago to manufacture blankets for the trade, and with a view of securing a large share of the Klondyke trade, has failed to realize the expectations of its promoters, and the company is now winding up the business.

THERE has been an unusually large import of free goods at Toronto during July. Free imports at this port that month showed a large increase over July, 1897, amounting to \$628,760, against \$439,466 a year ago.

A. HENDERSON, from Charlottetown, P. E. I., who left for Dawson City several months ago with 32 head of cattle, returned to the city last night, having come down by the Nelson to Seattle. He got in all the beeves without any loss and is probably the only man who shipped cattle through by Skaguay and then down the river on barges. He reports nothing especially new at Dawson. He disposed of the animals at from \$400 to \$800 apiece and may make another trip in on the same business. He left for the East to-day.—Vancouver World, 28th July.

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