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Mercantile Summary.

CAPT. SHORT'S mining company shipped last week their first carload of ore from their mine on Okanagan Lake—15 tons. It goes to the Tacoma smelter.

An average of about 75 tons of merchandise have been shipped weekly into the Okanagan country, for supplying the towns and camps as far down as Rock Creek, B.C.

THE London, Eng., Board of Trade has undertaken to appoint a committee to consider what the standard of light for testing the gas supply of London should be, the present candle standard having been found to be very untrustworthy.

THE return of the assessors shows the assessment for Toronto for 1892 to be \$152,952,936, exclusive of exempted property. This was reduced by the Court of Revision and County Judge to \$151,158,600, on which the taxes of the year will be levied, as compared with \$146,860,000 for last year.

ACCORDING to the New Westminster *British Columbian*, some people in Chilliwack and vicinity are in a bad fix. "When the steamers were withdrawn from the up-river route few of the merchants had heavy stocks on hand, and the consequence is that staples are now almost sold out, and there is little prospect of being able to replace them for another month at least."

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It is stated that the stove foundry in Dundas which has been five years idle, has been leased to Messrs. Gartshore, Cohoes, Robertson, Allen and Thompson, who will form the Molders' Facing and Mineral Paint Company, and will make mineral wool, mineral paint, and most likely fire clay and fire brick.

An ingenious electrician has designed an electric snow plough. The machine is provided with a motor of thirty horse-power, and is intended for use on railways. From experiments which have been made with the new sweeper, it is judged that it can clear away snow from seven to thirty centimeters thick at the rate of from six to sixteen kilometers an hour.

THE *Quebec Chronicle* says that the assets of Langlois & Langlois, the insolvent shoe manufacturers, were sold by auction a week ago. The machinery, made and unmade stock, lasts, etc., etc., valued at \$12,802.36, was adjudged to Gaspard Rochette at 25c. on the dollar. The book debts, valued at \$1,811.72, also to Gaspard Rochette at 15c. on the dollar. The lease of the premises till May next, to John Rochette at 30c. on the dollar.

A CIRCULAR dated at Victoria, B.C., 21st January, states that Mrs. T. T. Green (widow of the late A. A. Green), having purchased the share and interest of the Garesche estate in

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the business of the late banking firm of Messrs. Garesche, Green & Co., and being now sole owner, has admitted Mr. F. H. Worlock (manager of the late firm) as a partner. The business will be continued as heretofore at Government street, Victoria, under the name of Green, Worlock & Co., Mr. F. H. Worlock continuing as manager, and the firm acting as agents for Wells, Fargo & Company.

We are obliged to the Lambton Loan & Investment Company for having sent us a mounted photograph of one of the entrances to the now celebrated Sarnia Tunnel. It gives a better idea of the appearance and character of the work than any pen and ink sketch can do. One fact will prove suggestive to such as are familiar with iron-work construction; we take it from the printed description which accompanies the picture: "The Tunnel proper is lined with cast-iron plates, bolted together in segments two inches thick, with flanges five inches deep, four inches thick, and sixteen inches apart." The iron lining weighs 56,000,000 pounds, or 28,000 tons, and a thousand tons of bolts and nuts were used in its construction. The interior diameter of the tunnel is twenty feet, and its length one mile and a seventh. Each approach is half a mile or more in length, that on the Canadian side being 3,062 feet long.

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