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Mercantile Summary.In a fire at Norman, Ont., on the
30th November, about 1,000,000 feet of
lumber was burned, involving a loss of
\$75,000. Insurance only \$5,000.MR. KNAPP, the inventor of a tubular
boat, is offering to build a factory in
Sydney, C.B., if the town will give him
\$60,000, and a free site. It probably will
not.CUSTOMS receipts at the port of Tor-
onto, for the month just closed,
amounted to \$461,000, as compared with
\$399,371 for the similar month of last
year. For the eleven months of the pres-
ent year the receipts have totaled \$5,922,-
000, as against \$5,507,259 for the whole
of 1901.PITTSBURG and New York capitalists
are negotiating for the purchase of the
timber limits and mills of E. Davison &
Sons, Bridgewater, N.S. The areas lie
along the banks of the La Have river
and comprise 210,000 acres. The above
syndicate has bonded the property for
two months for \$1,250,000. F. B. Chapin,
of New York, is one of the gentlemen
prominently interested.A MONTREAL saloonkeeper, G. W.
Smith, has assigned. He owes some
\$15,000, his wife filing claim for \$9,300,
under marriage contract, and nominal
assets are shown to the amount of about
\$4,000.—Aumond & Caty, contractors,
of the same city, have also assigned with
liabilities of \$2,200.—Consent to assign
has been filed by D. Houle, builder,
Montreal, \$6,900 being the aggregate of
his obligations.THE Lorne and Woodchuck mines in
the Lillooet, B.C., district, have been
purchased by E. J. Short and C. J.
Sophiano, of Spokane. Ore recently
treated showed returns of between \$17
and \$18 per ton. There is a five-stamp
mill already on the Lorne, and it will be
put immediately into working order.
Altogether 1,428 feet of development
work have been done. One of the first
lines of development to be taken up by
the new company is the running of a
cross-cut for a distance of 300 feet, to
prove the extent of the ledge. The new
owners claim that they will have a work-
ing capital of £50,000 for the develop-
ment of the property.THE annual meeting of the Carter-
Crume Company, Limited, was held on
Thursday of last week. From the direc-
tors' report, it appears that the net pro-
fits for the past year were \$181,870, out
of which dividends at the rate of 7 per
cent. on preferred, and 5 per cent. on
common stock, were paid, and \$45,000
carried to reserve fund. The company
have found it necessary to increase still
further the facilities for manufacturing,
and five acres of land have been bought
at Niagara Falls, N.Y., upon which an
extensive group of factory buildings is
now being erected. It is expected these
will be ready for occupancy early in the
summer of 1903.**The Toronto General
Trusts Corporation,****59 Yonge Street.****Real Estate
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