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ARNOLD'S BLUE INK**Mercantile Summary.**

THE Sandwich council has granted a franchise to the Windsor, Amherstburg and Lake Erie Electric Railway.

SIX thousand two hundred and fifty barrels of oil were shipped to the various refineries from Bothwell in tanks in the month of June.

THE Windsor Street Railway has commenced operations on its loop line in Walkerville, connecting the Walkerville and Sandwich street lines.

THE Brandon Times states that ore taken from the Neepawa mine last week assayed \$140.60 per ton. People here who hold shares in this property are confident the shares will be worth their face value.

THE Assiniboine Lumber Company, at Brandon, expect to have their logs this week and start running the mill on Monday or Tuesday. The mill will be running night and day during the season. It is lighted by electricity.

A FAST run was made on the Intercolonial Railway between Moncton and St. John last week. The distance, 89 miles, was covered in 93 minutes, including a stop of three minutes at Sussex for water. The train was a special one of three cars.

THE seal catch off the Japanese coast is officially reported to Collector Milne, of Victoria, as one of 7,807 skins taken by thirteen schooners of the B.C. fleet. The take is but a moderate one, and so far all the catches of the B.C. fleet this season only amount to a take of about one-third of last year.

A DESPATCH of Monday last from Winnipeg says that the Rainy River is higher than it has been in the last thirty-six years, and many wharves have been swept away. The Rainy River Boom Company's boom broke loose and piled up 7,000,000 feet of logs over twenty feet deep in the river.

A LARGE piece of timber arrived at the canal basin a few days ago, says the *Ottawa Journal*, consigned to Hon. Sydney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture. The plank is Douglass fir, cut in British Columbia, and is three inches thick, fifty inches wide, and sixteen feet long. The plank is a clear piece of timber, without knots or cracks.

THE incorporation of the Electrical Supply Company of Hamilton, Limited, is gazetted; capital \$20,000, in \$25 shares. Those incorporated are John Wesley Van Dyke, of Grimsby, manufacturer, and John Sintzel, tailor; Joseph Overholt, dentist; William Gilzean Read, merchant, and George Thomas Simpson, electrician, all of Hamilton.

THE success of the electric railway at Quebec is said to be exceeding expectations. So far, it is understood that the daily average of passengers carried by the seven cars now on the 6½ miles route so far open, has been nearly 7,000. No accidents have occurred as yet. The company and its engineer, Mr. E. A. Evans, are now rapidly pushing forward the work upon the Upper Town section.

THE building for the immense new pulp factory at Chicoutimi is rapidly progressing. The stone masonry is constructed, and work is proceeding on the brick walls, in which 300,000 bricks will be employed. Ten cars of prepared lumber have already reached the site, as well as several cars of machinery. Men are now laying the large pipe of 11½ feet in diameter. It will have a head of water of 72 feet, and will be 200 feet long.—*Quebec Chronicle*.

THREE boot and shoe failures are reported in Montreal this week. J. A. Laliberte, of the

St. Henri suburbs, who had a branch business under the style of Legendre & Co., is offering 40 cents on liabilities of \$6,000, assets being stated at about \$4,000.—Azarie Fontaine, formerly a foreman fitter in a shoe factory, started manufacturing in a limited way two years ago. He is now offering 50 cents on liabilities of \$1,500.—An assignment has been made by Ignace Gagnon, a small retailer.

R. M. FORAN, a young merchant of Inkerman, N.B., writes his creditors offering 25 cents on \$3,000 of indebtedness. He shows about \$1,000 of assets, and has only been in business about two years.—From Lower Brighton, N.B., is reported the embarrassment of J. F. Richardson, a farmer and sawmiller. He has been some ten years in the business, and is called a respectable man, but a poor manager. He has called a meeting of creditors, and will likely offer a compromise.

THE secretary of the Canadian Federated Mining Institute, Mr. B. T. A. Bell, has been advised that the British Columbia Association of Mining Engineers had unanimously resolved to join the federation. The institute now comprises the following representative bodies: The Mining Society of Nova Scotia, the General Mining Association of the Province of Quebec, the Ontario Mining Institute, and the British Columbia Association of Mining Engineers.

THAT was a fast run of the C.P.R. steamship, "Empress of Japan." She broke all previous records of speed by her journey from Vancouver at 10 a.m., 26th June, reaching Yokohama at 1.35 p.m., 7th July, ten days, three hours, forty-four minutes. On one day she made 441 knots. Mr. Shaughnessey says that when the "Empress" left Vancouver she was five days late, and in the first part of the passage made up three days. Now word comes that in the run from Yokohama to Hong Kong the other two days were made up, the steamer arriving at her destination on time. The distance is 1,991 miles.

A NUMBER of new elevators are being erected throughout the Province of Manitoba and the Territories, according to the *Winnipeg Free Press*. The Lake of the Woods Milling Company has already completed three, at Lauder, Whitewater and Forrest, and their men are now at work on the fourth at Elva, on the C.P.R. Souris branch. This company contemplates erecting at least as many more during the summer. The Northern Elevator Company have gangs of men at various points erecting additional buildings, and a new grain firm recently formed intend to erect ten elevators during the season, to be ready for the reception of grain in the fall. Five of the number have already been located, at Carberry, Beresford, Winkler, Sinteluta and Oak Lake.

FOR some years past a number of the people of Miscouche, Prince Edward Island, have grown tobacco on a small scale successfully. A quantity of home grown has been sent to a Charlottetown tobacconist to be experimented with. Upon this the *Maritime Merchant* comments as follows: "If the experiment proves that it can be successfully manufactured either by itself or mixed with imported stock, the culture of tobacco will be more extensively undertaken by the people who are now growing small plots of it for their own use only." While we do not, of course, know what quality of tobacco this is that the fertile and beautiful island of Prince Edward has grown, our friends in that province may be reminded that tobacco grown in the counties of Essex and Kent, Ontario, and that grown in several counties of Quebec, has long been used by cigar manufacturers with much acceptance.