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Mercantile Summary.

THE firm of C. S. Swan & Hunter, of Wallsend-on-Tyne, England, are building a vessel considerably over 600 feet in length, which is understood to be for the Cunard company.

ACCORDING to a Western exchange, a building boom is on in Windsor. Several contractors say there have not been such good prospects in the building line since 1892. There is hardly a vacant house in town.

AMONG the best records for cargo handling made this season at the port of Chicago is that of the steamer "Shenandoah," which entered the harbor at South Chicago at 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon with 3,300 tons of iron ore, and left at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon with a cargo of 161,000 bushels of oats.

It is stated by the Winnipeg Commercial that the McLaughlin Carriage Co., of Oshawa, have decided to open out a branch house in Manitoba's capital. They are said to have secured the services of R. McKenzie, at present mayor of the town of Manitou, as manager, who will shortly move into the city and assume the duties of his new office.

TENDERS were received last week for the Halifax loan of \$67,000 at three per cent., required for elevator subsidy, water extension, and dry dock subsidy. J. C. Mackintosh got the bonds at 98.58, the other tenderers being the British Bank, Jack & Bell, and Hanson Bros. For \$3,000 at 4 per cent., repayable in four yearly instalments, J. C. Mackintosh's tender at \$3,001.25 for the whole, was accepted. This is to pay for overdue Health Board bills, and the loan for Citizens' Library.

THE annual provincial convention of the Dominion Alliance is to be held in the Horticultural Pavilion, in Toronto, beginning on Tuesday, 11th July. Special reduced fares have been given by the railway lines. If 300 attend, the price will be only single fare for the return journey; if less, the return trip can be made for one-third fare. The churches are expected to come out strong on the occasion, also prohibition leagues; branches of the W.C.T.U.; Sons of Temperance; I.O.G.T. lodges; Epworth Leagues; St. Andrew's Brotherhood; Salvation Army Corps, etc., etc. If the earnestness of the circular sent out has its due effect, there will be many more than 300 present.

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