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## Mercantile Summary.

The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway has agreed to make Edmonton a divisional point, with shops and terminals. The city pays the company \$100,000.

Mr. Geo. Williamson, representing a Vancouver syndicate, is making arrangements to connect Enderby, Armstrong, Vernon and Kelowna by a telephone line.

The Ottawa River Valley Railway Company proposes to purchase or amalgamate with the Ottawa River Railway of Ontario, and other lines, and to build several branches.

—Polly Prise—I went to a fortune-teller to find out whom I was going to marry. Dolly Wyse—So did I. And I found out. Polly Prise—Oh! What fortune-teller do you consult? Dolly Wyse—Bradstreet.—Cleveland Leader.

Mr. C. C. Jones, Toronto, general superintendent of the middle division of the Grand Trunk, has been appointed general manager of the Centrel Vermont Railway.

The Railway Commission sanctions the lease of the Tilsonburg, Lake Erie & Pacific, the Guelph and Goderich to the C.P.R., and the Northern Colonization Railway of Quebec to the Canadian Pacific.

The Marine Department has the Marconi apparatus now installed on the steamers Stanley and Minto, which ply between Georgetown and P.E.I., and Pictou on the mainland. This, it is expected, will be of great service during the winter season.

Victoria capitalists propose to start two large canneries in Esquimalt, having already become possessed of trap licences and foreshore privileges far down the Vancouver Island coast. This will do much to counteract the influence of the removal of the Imperial fleet from the vicinity.

The Alza Company, Limited, Montreal, capital stock, \$100,000, propose to purchase certain patents for improvements in sash windows from the Alza English Sash Window Co., and will apply to the Dominion Parliament for power to do a general business as wood and metal workers.

The trial test for the first two units of ten thousand horse-power each of the Canada Power Company, from the rapids of Niagara River, was made on Saturday forenoon last, and was witnessed and inspected by Mr. James Wilson, superintendent of the Queen Victoria Park, and A. Munroe Greer, secretary of the Power Company.

On the evening of Saturday last, the Toronto Customs House staff presented a handsome leather easy chair and an illuminated address to John Douglas, who formally concluded 50 years' service in the customs department. Mr. Douglas entered the service here in 1854, and has been surveyor at the Toronto port of entry since 1879. He still enjoys good health and retires from the service at the age of 79.

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