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Mercantile Summary.

VINCENT & MACPHERSON'S furniture warehouse at Brandon, Man., has been burned down, at a loss of \$7,000, partially insured.

THE death of Dr. Lucius Oille is a loss to St. Catharines and indeed to Ontario. He was a man of much intelligence, enterprise and public spirit.

THE second convention of the wine and liquor dealers of the province of Quebec will be held at Three Rivers this year, on Thursday, September 3.

THE increase in travel between Vancouver and Victoria, B.C., has been so great of late that the new steamer, the "Princess Victoria," has been already put on without waiting for the finishing touches to be put on her construction.

News comes from London, Eng., of the death in that city of Mr. R. A. Smith, who for many years was manager of the Allan line in Montreal. He left the service of the Messrs. Allan about 1890, and has since resided mainly in London.

ON Tuesday evening, 18th inst., a fire broke out in the Great Northern Railway workshops in Quebec City which destroyed the buildings, with machine shop, 1 tender and 10 cars. Loss, probably \$75,000, well covered by insurance in the Law, Union and Crown company.

THE Swedish steamer "Ovidia" arrived at Halifax early on Sunday morning from Rotterdam with steel rails for the I. C. R. and a quantity of general cargo. The steamer has about 2,500 tons of rails. After discharging she will likely load deals for the United Kingdom.

SOME moneyed men in North Sydney and Antigonish, N.S., are securing an option on what is believed to be a very valuable deposit of mica at Bay St. George, Newfoundland. The area in which the mica has been found is five miles or more in extent, near the Reid Railway line, and it is said that samples of the mineral show that it exists in the form of good sized sheets.

ON Tuesday last, the seventeenth annual convention of the International Association of Factory Inspectors opened in Montreal. About seventy-five delegates from eastern American states, and from Canadian cities, were in attendance. Papers read on child labor, the safety of employees in factories, and fire escapes. Mr. James Mitchell, of this city, who has been twice president of the association, presided. The Hon. Lomer Gouin, provincial minister of public works, and the acting mayor of the city, welcomed the delegates.

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