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## Mercantile Summary

C. KARSH, of Aylmer, has started a spring mattress factory in Dundas, Ont.

HON. Sydney Fisher has accepted the office of honorary president of the Montreal Industrial Exhibition Association.

THE Eastern Steamship Company proposes to run a direct boat between Digby, N.S., and Boston, Mass., and citizens of the former place are making their best endeavors to bring this about. New England each year sends swarms of tourists to this interesting part of our Maritime Provinces and these would be largely increased with better means of communication.

THE shipments of ore from Rossland, B.C., for the week ending 12th inst., were as follows: Le Roi, 5,146 tons; Centre Star, 1,710 tons; War Eagle, 1,530 tons; Kootenay, 120 tons; Jumbo, 250 tons; Le Roi No. 2, 670 tons; White Bear, 80 tons; total for week, 9,486 tons; for the year up to date, 92,176 tons. There was a marked increase of activity in the camp, and the number of men employed is rapidly advancing.

THE Canada Paper Company held their annual meeting in Montreal last week. The report was deemed satisfactory. The following were re-elected as directors: H. Montagu Allan, H. G. Holt, John Macfarlane, C. R. Hosmer, H. Markland Molson, Hugh A. Allan, the Hon. Robert MacKay. At a subsequent meeting of the directors, Mr. H. Montagu Allan was elected president; Mr. H. G. Holt, vice-president; Mr. F. J. Campbell was reappointed general manager, and Mr. W. H. Parsons, secretary-treasurer.

A MOVEMENT is under way to establish a direct steamship service between Montreal and the West Indies. The West Indian trade, while not yet so important as it should be, is capable of considerable extension, and speaking not only from a pecuniary point of view but from that of the development of the Empire, strong efforts should be made to improve it. No great difficulty ought to be met with in finding good cargoes of flour, provisions, manufactured goods, while for the inward journey there would be sugar, molasses, fruits, and, eventually, perhaps, a good quantity of cotton.

THE dry kiln, malt house and elevator of Eaton Bros.' brewery, at Owen Sound, Ont., were on the 11th inst. destroyed by fire at an estimated loss of \$20,000. The large quantity of malt destroyed was covered by insurance, but the buildings, we are told in the newspaper reports, were not insured. Firemen, it is said, were hampered through lack of water. Another fire took place on the same date in St. John, N.B., where the Maritime Nail Works, comprising three buildings and a valuable plant, were destroyed. One of these had only been completed the preceding day. The loss is estimated at \$80,000, with insurance of \$20,000.

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