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Ontario.**Mercantile Summary.**OTTAWA civic authorities are calling
for tenders for an additional fire engine.
of a capacity of 750 gallons. Specifica-
tions are to be supplied by tenderers.CONTRACTS have been let for the con-
struction of a sewerage system for
Sydney. If fine weather prevails, the
work will likely be completed before
winter sets in.DELEGATES from some 300,000 metal
workers in Canada and the United
States last week held a conference in
Washington, to discuss the formation of
an International Metal Trades Asso-
ciation.We are informed that the Imperial
Starch Co. has awarded to E. A. Wall-
berg, C.E., Toronto, the contract for
the complete equipment of machinery
and plant for its new starch and glucose
factory, in Prescott, Ont., the contract
price being sixty thousand dollars.THE steamer "Iroquois," arrived at
Ashtabula, Ohio, last week with a cargo
of 2,456 tons of brown hematite iron ore
from the new Michipicoten field, north
of Lake Superior, in Canada. This is
the first cargo from that field brought
to a United States port, and it was like-
ly to go to one of the Valley furnaces.
The Michipicoten field has, it is said,
a practically inexhaustible supply.We gather from the Maritime Mer-
chant several items of interest about
Down East, which we have not found
elsewhere. For instance, that the Nova
Scotia Steel Co. have bought large
arcas of manganese in the Magdalen
Islands; \$300,000 is said to be the sum
involved in the transfer. The Dominion
Coal Co. has commenced an active
campaign against liquor dealers in the
vicinity of their collieries. This is due
to the loss sustained by the company
after each pay day, when a large number
of the miners in each of the collieries
are unable to work for several days be-
cause of drunkenness. The people of
Pictou have been successful in obtaining
a water supply for the town by sinking
Artesian wells. A supply of 500,000 gal-
lons a day is assured.A SUBSCRIBER in Carberry, Manitoba,
of a humorous turn, writes thus jocosely
in answer to a reminder that his sub-
scription was due: "Yes, another year
has come round, and now you expect me
to pay for it. Are you aware that times
are hard in this country, that we had
drought in the spring, and hail in the
summer, and rain in the fall, and that
there is an election on? It seems to me,
if you realized all this, you would gladly
donate one year's subscription to one
who has been a subscriber to the Mon-
etary Times for many years for the
simple reason that he could not be
otherwise. I suppose, however, that I
shall have to do as I have done before.
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