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## Mercantile Summary.

OTTAWA civic authorities are calling for tenders for an additional fire engine, of a capacity of 750 gallons. Specifications are to be supplied by tenderers.

CONTRACTS have been let for the construction 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 Association.

We are informed that the Imperial Starch Co. has awarded to E. A. Wallberg, 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 likely to go to one of the Valley furnaces. The Michipicoten field has, it is said, a practically inexhaustible supply.

We gather from the Maritime Merchant several items of interest about Down East, which we have not found elsewhere. For instance, that the Nova Scotia Steel Co. have bought large areas 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 because 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 gallons a day is assured.

A SUBSCRIBER in Carberry, Manitoba, of a humorous turn, writes thus jocosely in answer to a reminder that his subscription 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 Monetary 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. bow to the inevitable, so I enclose \$2. which is the proceeds of many bushels of No. 3, tough, which is our highest grade of wheat this year. Kindly acknowledge, and oblige."

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