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Ontario.**Mercantile Summary.**THE Dominion Government has award-
ed the contracts for constructing wharves
at Black Brook and Carleton, in New
Brunswick.SEVERAL towns are working hard to
secure for themselves the head offices of
the new furniture combine, but so far the
matter has not been decided, though Ber-
lin would appear to have a very good
chance.THE Quebec and Ottawa boards of
trade a few days ago sent a deputation to
ask Sir Wilfrid Laurier to grant a sub-
sidy of \$6,400 per mile for a railroad to
be built from Roberval, on the Quebec
and Lake St. John Railroad, to James'
Bay, a distance of some 380 miles.THE directors of the Knob Hill, Iron-
sides, Gray Eagle, and Granby smelter
companies have concluded that it would
be to their best interest to combine.
Probably a new company will be formed,
under the name of the Granby Consoli-
dated Smelting and Mining Co., Limited,
with a capital of \$15,000,000, of which
nearly \$3,000,000 is to be held as treasury
stock.A MEETING of the executive committee
of the Canadian Electrical Association
was held at Montreal on the 12th inst. It
was decided that the dates of the annual
convention this year should be the 19th,
20th, and 21st of June. A committee was
appointed to arrange for papers and
topics for discussion. A local committee
was also nominated to make the neces-
sary local arrangements for the meeting,
which gives promise of being a most suc-
cessful one.THE Canadian Pacific Railway Com-
pany has begun the construction of a
branch line, nearly 60 miles in length,
running from Lardo, at the head of
Kootenay lake, by way of Duncan and
Trout lake to Arrowhead, the terminus
of the Revelstoke branch of the Canadian
Pacific. Its construction will open up
for development the entire silver-lead pro-
perties of the Slocan district, and give
an outlet for the shipment of the ore
taken from the large number of mines
now in operation in that district, the
principal of which is the Payne mine.A NEWS-LETTER from Digby, a short
time ago, stated that the people of that
town did not wish to be behind their
neighbors, and were agitating for a steel
shipbuilding plant. It is thought there
that iron and steel ships can be built
cheaper there than in Halifax, and that
the town could give a shipbuilding com-
pany a splendid site for a shipyard, and,
no doubt freedom from taxation for an
indefinite period. They have iron in the
North Mountain, within three miles of
Digby, and at Moose River, in the ad-
joining county of Annapolis, there is an
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