Mercantile Summary

MANY enquiries are being made for Canadian furniture from Holland, Denmark and Norway.

THERE are 750 silk factories in the United States. Last year they imported 73,667 bales of reeled silk yarn, valued at $41,195,209.

M. J. HANEY, of Toronto, has been awarded the contract for building the railway and traffic bridge for the Prince Edward Island railway over the Hillsborough river at Charlottetown. The contract price aggregates in the neighbourhood of $1,000,000, and the work is to be finished in two years.

WHAT is said to be the largest elevator in the world is now in course of construction on Rice's Point at Duluth. Its grain storage capacity will be 3,750,000 bushels, and it will be 222 feet long by 204 feet broad, and 125 feet high. The building will contain 30 circular or fundamental bins, and 20 square, or secondary bins.

THE Corn Exchange Association of Montreal is arranging for an excursion on Saturday. The president, Mr. E. F. Craig, called the members together on Monday, and announced that the Canada Atlantic Railway had extended an invitation to them to inspect the Soulanges canal. And they are going, in force, with refreshments on the programme.

As to the strike at the Montmorency cotton mill last month, work was resumed at the mills last week, although with a somewhat reduced staff, as the Knights of Labor, who were locked out and refused work until they left the order, show no signs of weakening, and many of them have secured work in the city and elsewhere. A large number of families have lately arrived at the Falls to take positions in the mills.

ALTOGETHER, since the beginning of the war in South Africa,, 19,200 tons of hay, valued at over $300,000 has been sent from Canada on account of the Imperial Government. In addition there has been shipped from Canada to South Africa for the use of the Imperial troops 8,207 bags of oats, 7,547 cases of jams, 12,687 cases of beef and 38,285 sacks of flour. The total amount thus expended in Canada by the Home Government within a short period for these articles of produce, transportation charges on land and sea, amounts to $830,000.

A GREAT honor has been conferred on the Canadian Office & School Furniture Co., limited, of Preston, Ont., by its being awarded, at the Paris Exposition, a Silver Medal for school desks. The exhibit was made, we are told, at the instance of the Government in order to supplement the educational display. The silver medal is the highest award which could be given by the judges in this class, and the fact that a Canadian firm has secured it is a matter of congratulation. The desks shown by the firm attracted general attention at the Great French Fair, and the company has received applications for price lists and samples from all parts of the world.