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Mercantile Summary.

SIMMIE's lumber mill at Clavering has been burned down. Loss \$6,000; insured for \$4,500.

THE electric lighting contract for the city of Quebec has been given to the Jacques Cartier Water Power Company, at \$54 for arc and \$15 for incandescent lights.

CLARKE's malt works in Kingston were damaged to the extent of about \$15,000, including several thousand bushels of malt burned by a serious fire on the 17th inst.

A DESPATCH from Halifax says that the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company intends to start the manufacture of steel cars at New Glasgow. Their expected output, ten cars a day, will require 150 tons of steel daily. They will also, we understand, manufacture ordinary wooden box cars.

THE Canadian Pacific Railroad owns the odd-numbered sections of land in the arid section near Medicine Hat, and is making preparations to construct a large irrigation ditch to obtain water from the Bow river at Calgary. They are representing to the Dominion and Territorial governments that such an expense will not be justified for only one-half the land, and are asking that a transfer be made to them of the even-numbered sections as well.

THE Quebec Southern Railway, if they succeed in obtaining the charter for which they are now applying to the Dominion Government, will build a subway under the St. Lawrence at Montreal. It will be double, and one part will be larger than the other, but even this, according to present plans, is to be larger than any similar tunnel in the world. Its cost will be somewhere between \$4,000,000 and \$6,000,000, and it is to be well lighted and ventilated.

THE Brantford by-law to authorize the payment of \$57,000 to the Grand Trunk Railway for the latter to divert their main line from Lynden down through Brantford, stopping all their main line trains between Niagara Falls and Sarnia and Detroit at Brantford, making a switch to the Holmedale, and constructing a subway under their line in the northern part of the East Ward, took place on Friday, and resulted in a large majority in favor of this course. Construction work is expected to be completed by August next.

OAKVILLE BOARD OF TRADE.

At the annual meeting of the Oakville Board of Trade, held last week, officers were elected as per the subjoined list: C. G. Marlatt, president; C. G. Chisholm, vice-president; F. G. Oliver, secretary. The council is composed of the following: Hedley Shaw, T. C. Hagaman, A. T. Chisholm, I. A. Reynolds, John Kelly, W. C. Cammins, I. H. Ashbury, and J. C. Ford.

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