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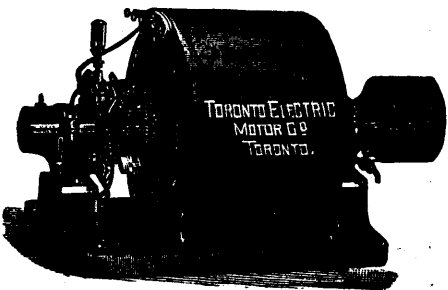
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Mercantile Summary.

Most of the lobster fishermen on the Strait of
Canso, N.S., had their traps out on Monday
last. Canneries are to be opened at Bear
Island Cove and Steep Creek this spring.

THE returns which are now available show
that during March Scotch shipbuilders launched
28 vessels of 41,040 tons, as compared with 24
vessels of 39,391 tons in February, and 27 ves-
sels of 20,176 tons in March, 1895.

IN September, 1887, John O'Brien succeeded
M. Brown in the boot and shoe business at
Tamworth, but never made any progress, and
now assigns—Elizabeth Lee, hotel keeper at
Port Hope, also assigns.

MR. SAUERBECK, the statistician, reports the
average price of forty-five staple commodities
on March 1 at 61.4 per cent., taking the
average of eleven years from 1867 to 1877,
both inclusive, as 100 per cent. A year ago the
average was 60 per cent., while in 1894 it was
63 per cent.

AN amalgamation of the Hamilton and Dun-
das Street Railway with the H., G. & B. electric
road is said to be behind ex-President Myles'
strenuous efforts to get possession of a control-
ling interest in the H., G. & B. road. Mr. Myles'
lease of the Hamilton and Dundas road expires
this summer.

AT Hawkesbury, Cape Breton, on April 13th,
the first arrival this spring is reported, viz.,
schooner "Durna," from Halifax, with general
merchandise. There was no ice in the Strait of
Canso for the past two weeks and none in sight.

THE St. John Telegraph of Tuesday last
learns that the St. John River ice had nearly
all run out of the reach, and that the ice
farther up the main river could be expected to
break up nearly any time, as it is reported to
be all honeycombed and in a very weak state.

ON Monday last, some seven thousand acres
of Manitoba land were purchased by Henry
Barber, in this city, at auction, at 15½ cents an
acre. The lands belonged to the insolvent
estate of Samson, Kennedy & Co., and a por-
tion of them had been carried for thirteen years.
One block of 1,200 acres, on the G.N.W. Cen-
tral, it is said, through which the Oak River
runs, was included in the purchase. This does
not say much for the public appreciation of
Manitoba farming lands.

THE New York Chamber of Commerce is
placing its new stock in the market, subscribers
to pay one-quarter on allotment, and one-quar-
ter each in June, August and October. The
total sum of \$125,000 in stock will be sold,
leaving \$25,000 in the treasury for future use.
The prospectus shows that the property will
pay a dividend of 6.3 per cent. when the stock
offered is sold. The present income is \$57,877,
while the expenses are \$43,677.20, distributed
as follows: Maintenance, \$16,800; taxes,
\$7,000; insurance, \$1,127; interest, \$18,750.

THE general manager of the Grand Trunk
Railway, Mr. Hays, told a Detroit reporter on
Tuesday that "the work of organizing the
Grand Trunk offices has been completed, and
Detroiters need have no further apprehension
as to the local officials. Mr. Atwater will re-
main, as he has been, in authority over all lines
west of the river, under, of course, General
Superintendent MacGuigan." And on Wed-
nesday, during a visit to Toronto, he told
another interviewer that the alterations among
officials had practically come to an end. The
new head officer, in his visit to the Toronto
Board of Trade, made an agreeable impres-

WE are told that the railways have offered
free transportation to the Montreal citizens who
will go to Ottawa for the purpose of endeavoring
to get the Government to make a grant towards
the proposed World's Fair in Montreal in 1897.

THE St. John's News says that Mr. F. A.
Mann, accountant of the Merchants Bank at
St. John's for seven years, has been promoted
to the management of the branch of the same
bank at Hespeler, to be succeeded in St. John's
by Mr. McGee, from Kincardine.

THE Halifax Chronicle of Tuesday, 14th,
says that the special train with the English
mails made the run to Montreal in 23 hours
and 45 minutes, including stops. It covered
the distance from Halifax to Moncton in four
hours and 52 minutes, beating the record.

MONTREAL is to be congratulated on getting
such a good price as 105 net for a 4 per cent.
loan. In spite of the handicap of an extrava-
gant and flighty city council, the confidence of
investors in the continued prosperity of Mon-
treal through the high character of its mer-
chants is evidently unabated.

WE learn from a Halifax paper of this week
that the premiums earned last year by companies
comprising the Fire Insurance Board in that city
were about \$300,000. Since the 1st January
the losses have not been far from \$300,000, so
that the outlook for a profitable business this
year is not the brightest. The board embraces
all companies doing business in that city except
the Acadia, Halifax and Quebec.

THE Vancouver World says that Mr. John
McQuillan has been appointed by His Excel-
lency President Eloy Alfaro, of Ecuador, to the
position of Consul of that Republic for the
Dominion, with residence in Vancouver. "Con-
sul McQuillan is one of our most energetic and
successful business men, and will do honor to
his new office," and the World thinks there are
very good prospects for the opening of new
trade relations between Canada and Ecuador.

THE Montreal Herald Company, we regret to
say, is again reported in embarrassed shape. It
would appear that the company, as reorganized
several years ago with a strong directorate, who
invested quite a substantial capital, has not
proved successful any more than its predeces-
sors. The merchandise liabilities are stated at
about \$20,000, apart from which there are
understood to be considerable claims for ad-
vances by the directors. It is reported that
an offer of 25 cents on the dollar is probable.

EDOUARD DENIS, general merchant, at
Rigaud, Que., is reported to be financially em-
barrassed, and a Montreal accountant is investi-
gating his affairs. He moved there from
Henryville in 1892, failed shortly after and
offered 75 cents, which was refused, and estate
was bought in by Mrs. Denis, whose name has
since been used. Present liabilities are about
\$4,000.—J. A. Heon, a carriagemaker, of St.
Gregoire, Que., has assigned upon the demand
of a Montreal firm. Liabilities are \$1,200 with
assets of \$600.

FROM a prominent business man of St.
John's, Nfld., who has been visiting Montreal,
the Gazette learns that a company has been
floated to develop the oil properties in the
colony, which are said to give a good yield of
rich oil. Mr. Noseworthy, of Newfoundland,
part owner of these properties, visits Petrolea,
Ont., to purchase machinery. Several other
valuable properties in Newfoundland, it is
added, have changed hands within the last few
months, among them two hematite iron mines,
now in operation by the Steel Company of New
Glasgow, N.S., and one chromic ore mine by
an English company. "The millions of tons of