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Mercantile Summary.

ON the 28th ult., a fire, which might easily have resulted more disastrously than was actually the case, broke out in Kamloops. J. A. Mara's general store, the Cosmopolitan Hotel, and one or two smaller buildings, were destroyed, and a guest at the above-named hotel lost his life. Loss of property about \$8,000.

THE Winnipeg customs house receipts during the month of June amounted to \$139,802, an increase over the same month last year of \$41,757. It is a little too early yet to know the exact amount of customs revenue for the whole Dominion during the fiscal year just closed, but it will be something over \$3,000,000 in excess of the last fiscal year.

THE Atlas Arsenic Company and the Ohio Gold and Arsenic Company have been amalgamated, and the newly formed company will apply for a charter authorizing a capital of \$1,000,000. Development work on an extensive scale will begin at once on their property at Deloro, and a great impetus is expected to be given to mining in the Hastings county, as a consequence.

THE Leyland line steamship "American" left Quebec on the 29th ult. for London with the following cargo, said to be the most valuable ever taken out of the St. Lawrence; 91,943 bushels wheat, 41,265 sacks flour, 36,575 bales compressed hay, 30,201 bales long hay, 2,630 doors, 199 bundles of moldings, 1,416 bundles pulpwood, 113 rolls paper, 1,600 bags asbestos fibre, 100 bags crude asbestos, 860 bags asbestic sand, 4,374 sacks oil cake, 20 bundles pickets, 391 boxes cheese, 150 cases bottle tops, 350 cases match blocks, 32 standard shooks, and 397 standard deals.

THE following is a record of patents recently granted to Canadian inventors in Canada and the United States: Canada — C. St. Jacques, combination match boxes; M. C. Nixon, grinding machines; C. A. Fisher, friction clutches; L. Dubois, apparatus for cleaning sewers; H. Warner, apple peelers and corers; J. D. Somers, perambulators. United States Patents — E. W. Lymburner, bicycle; I. Kenney, knives; I. Kenney, pocket knives; R. W. King, automatic stoker and smoke consumer, and S. R. Clarke, apparatus for thawing frozen ground.

THE Canadian Pacific Railroad shops have already turned out a considerable portion of the large order placed six months ago for new equipment. Those at Perth continue to turn out ten cars a day; they have in hand 800 of the total number of 2,300 box cars. When this order is completed, the C.P.R. will have over 25,000 freight cars in commission. At the Farnham shops, thirty of the fifty vans have been completed, and work has been commenced on the seventeen express cars ordered. Of the forty-six first-class coaches ordered, sixteen have been nearly completed. One new feature in some of these is that the smoking room is about double the size of those ordinarily in use.

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