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Mercantile Summary.

FIREBUGS are being looked after. Two young men named Crabb, who set fire to a house and barn at Centreville, N.B., last October, have been sent to gaol for ten years by Judge Tuck. The young brutes had terrorized the country round. And the mayor of Simcoe, Ont., offers \$1,000 reward for arrest and conviction of incendiaries there.

As to the statements made by Ernest Terah Hooley, the insolvent London stock operator, respecting the way he was bled by English financial papers and English noblemen, formal denial is made by one of the noblemen named, and other circumstances have thrown a little doubt upon Hooley's wholesale statements. The matter is to be made the subject of enquiry in Parliament.

The prevailing cut rates for passengers, Mr. Hays says, do not pay his road, which is doing no more than its usual volume of passenger business now and getting too little for it. From July 8th to 14th the G.T.R. system earned \$435,034, which is \$16,941 less than in the same period 1897. The C.P.R.'s earnings from July 7th to 14th this year are stated at \$486,000, which is \$9,000 more than in like days last year.

The gross earnings of the Hamilton Street Railway Company and the proportion paid to the city have been as follows:

1894 earnings	\$120,908	city's share	\$7,254 48
1895 "	121,311	"	7,278 66
1896 "	124,000	"	7,440 00
1897 "	115,019	"	6,901 14

The company pays the city 6 per cent. on gross earnings up to \$125,000, the percentage increasing gradually until the gross earnings reach \$200,000, when the share to be paid to the city is 8 per cent.

At a meeting of harbor commissioners and aldermen, held in Montreal a few days ago, a new draft of plans was presented by Mr. P. W. St. George, which it was hoped would meet the approval of all concerned. It was only slightly altered from Plan No. 12a 2, the only actual difference being the widening of Commissioners street from 88.17 feet to 92 6 feet. The increased width of the street, it was explained, would simply come off the wharf part, but the commissioners thought such an arrangement would be an advantage to the city without being any serious depreciation to the harbor area. The mayor explained that he had been at first in favor of all piers being low level ones, but a proper understanding of the matter had entirely changed his ideas. The new plan would give them one hundred feet from the curbstone to the guard pier, opposite Bonsecours Market, and two hundred and ten feet of wharf beyond that on a level with Commissioners street, and with an easy grade to higher streets. The approaches would also be more convenient than at present.

The eagerness to sell goods, and the facility with which credit can be obtained, are exemplified in the failure of Gibeau & Co., general merchants, just reported at South Durham, Quebec. Mr. G. was previously a clerk, and only began business about eighteen months ago, on limited capital. There was also some question as to his entire attention to business, yet it is reported he has been able to run up liabilities of some \$7,000.—The voluntary assignment is reported of S. F. Allard, who has long done a moderate store business at Rimouski, Que., and who was generally supposed to be in comparatively easy shape for a trader of his calibre. His liabilities are mostly in Quebec.

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