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Mercantile Summary.

THE stream of immigration flows on uninterruptedly. Last Friday morning 221 came into Winnipeg, most of whom departed for the west next day. They were of all nationalities.

A contract has been awarded to James Hunter of St. John to put up an electric fire alarm in Moncton, with twelve boxes; cost to be \$1,000. The alarm is to be in working order by the middle of June.

A company has just been organized in New York for a foreign express service, with well-known business men at its head. Why there has not been any satisfactory express service between this country and Europe before is a curious thing.

Mr. ALEX. MORRISON leaves for Calgary tomorrow morning says the Winnipeg Manitoban of the 8th, with 700 head of cattle, including 37 bulls, which will be placed on a ranch near Fort Macleod. The freight alone on the animals amounted to over \$5,000.

VALUE of the total assessment of Belleville for the current year, \$3,809,038, of which sum resident lands constitute \$3,535,788; personalty, \$157,000; income, \$116,250. The exemptions from taxation amount to \$517,900. Populatian is placed at 10,076, and of these 2,950 are ratepayers.

Twelve free drawing schools have been opened in the province of Quebec during 1885, one of them a new one. The attendance over the province at the various art schools was 1,146, of which 242 were at the Montreal school. This is a falling off of forty-six as compared with last year.

Application is made at Ottawa to incorporate the Canadian Anthracite Coal Co., head office Ottawa, branches elsewhere; capital \$500,000. Applicants are Chauncey W. Griggs, Dennis Ryan, A. G. Foster, St. Paul (the last named a coal merchant), John Stewart of Fort Macleod, Archibald Stewart and McLeod Stewart of Ottawa.

THE following suggestive sentences are from the Free Press of Detroit, a city which also has a street car strike: "Nearly all of the men taking the places of the striking car conductors and car drivers have been out of work for long periods of time—their families destitute, themselves hungry. They could not get work they say, unless they belonged to the Knights of Labor, and they could not join the Knights of Labor unless they were already employed. To these men the strike has proved a great boon, and their desperate desire to earn a subsistence is clearly proved by their holding on to