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Mercantile Summary.

On Tuesday last a London manufacturing concern shipped for the Klondyke trade a large number of portable forges for miners and prospectors, and will shortly send a carload of wheelbarrows for use in the gold mining district.

On Monday last, the premises of Fader Brothers, victuallers, on Argyle street, Halifax, were closed under power of a bill of sale held by a hardware merchant for a claim of several thousand dollars, and a bailiff is in charge of their horses, wagons and stock.

An engagement is made by the lake steamer "Lynn" to carry a cargo of corn, 230,000 bushels, from Chicago to Parry Sound at the opening of navigation. The Parry Sound railway will take the grain to Montreal for export. This will make over 400,000 bushels contracted for at 53/4c. per bushel on corn and 6c. on wheat through from Chicago to Montreal by this route.

THE reduction of 20 to 25 cents per 100 pounds on flour from Winnipeg and common points to British Columbia points, says the Winnipeg "Commercial," will prove specially welcome to Manitoba millers at the present time. "It is a well-known fact to those familiar with the grain trade (the agitators to the contrary notwithstanding) that wheat usually brings a considerably higher price, comparatively, in Manitoba than in the agricultural districts of the Pacific Coast States."

To the contention that the head offices of the Grand Trunk Railway ought to be at Toronto instead of at Montreal, because the former city is more in the centre of the system, while Montreal is almost at one end of it, does not find favor with

the Montreal Gazette, which thus makes light of geography: "In Montreal they [the managers of the road] find themselves in the business centre of the system, and that is of more importance to them than being at the geographical axis."

It brings the matter home to a man, say in Toronto, to find, as we did yesterday, the Mackenzie River steamer route advertised by a small poster on a Bay street fence. The twin-screw steamer "Sparrow" will leave Athabasca Landing (which is 94 miles north of Edmonton), on such a day in April, says this poster, by way of Fort McPherson and Peel River—within the Arctic Circle. "The company will carry you and your supplies on board the steamer, or will carry you on steamer and Applicatow your supplies in canoes." tion for terms, etc., to be made in Edmon ton, Alberta. The route is something like 1,900 miles in length.

It is reported from Almonte that Mr. W. S. Connolly, formerly of Smith's Falls, has been made manager of the Morrisburg branch of the Molsons Bank. Hochelaga Bank will open a branch The offices Quebec city on 1st May. chosen are, we understand, in the Tache block, St. Peter street. Mr. Arthur Bruneau, agent at Sorel, is named for the management. The Halifax Chronicle of Tuesday last says that Messrs. Earle and McKay, of the Merchants Bank of Halifax, are about leaving for the West to take charge of agencies. Mr. Earle goes Victoria, and Mr. McKay to Rossland. Banque Jacques Cartier opens a branch in Ottawa, corner Sussex and Rideau streets, this week. The manager chosen is M. A. Charberra A. Charbonneau, late accountant of Banaca N Banque Nationale.

THE Ontario Court of Appeals gave de cision this week in the Toronto A Railway Company tax appeal case. majority of the court held that they were bound by the decision of the Supreme Court of Canada in the Toronto Consum ers' Gas Company case to hold that the rails, poles and wires of the T.S.R. were assessable, the decision of this court in a Fleming and city of Toronto overruled. The Montreal Herald says, apropos of this decision "A - " decision: "As the rails, poles and wires are not taxed in Montreal, and as come under precisely the same definition as do those in Toronto, the effect of this judgment will be to add to Montreal's assessment roll a very tidy sum in every ward in the city for rails, at \$5,400 a and of single tree! of single track, wires \$900 a mile, he whatever the value of the poles may and These are the values fixed in Toronto, and will people 1 will probably be adopted here.'

The British Board of Trade has published, with the last issue of the trade note, navigation returns, an explanatory note, from which the following is an extract: from which the following is an extract: "3. A considerable amount of Canadian produce finds its way to the United King dom via the ports of the United States in winter, when many Canadian ports are winter, when many Canadian ports of duce from the United States is sent to full United Kingdom via Canadian ports in Summer. Where, in such cases, the objectial documents enable a distinction to be drawn between Canadian and United States produce, it is credited to the true

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