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Mercantile Summary

THE Dominion Line's Boston steamers have now been formally taken over by the White Star Line.

THE Globe Casket factory, in London, Ont., was on the 25th ult. damaged by fire to the extent of \$3,000.

THE Bell Telephone Company is about to erect a five-story extension to its building in Montreal, at a cost of \$126,000.

SOME United States capitalists are said to be interesting themselves in a deposit of molybdenite recently discovered in the vicinity of Lac Seul, Ontario.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway has just placed an order for one million dollars worth of passenger equipment to be turned out at the Hochelaga shops. Probably this is the largest order ever placed by a railroad for passenger equipment alone.

THE Canada Atlantic Railway Company announce that, in conjunction with the Canada Transit Company, they will establish a line of passenger steamers and a series of hotels, to accommodate the constantly increasing tourist traffic pouring into the Georgian Bay, Muskoka and Algonquin Park regions.

THE Montreal Street Railway Company's net earnings for the past eleven months do not show up very satisfactorily, having been \$781,025, compared with \$802,295 for the same time last year. This is due to the large increase in operating expenses, these having risen from \$1,040,946 last year, to \$1,218,968 this year. The surplus available for dividends, for the same reason is less by \$4,869.

A SOMEWHAT better demand is springing up for ocean grain space, though freights still remain low. Quotations are as follows: Liverpool, 1s., and prime September, 1s. 1½d. October; London, 1s. ¾d. October; Glasgow, 1s. 1½d. to 1s. 3d., October; Avonmouth, 1s. 3d., October; Manchester, 1s. 3d., October; Antwerp, 1s. 3d. to 1s. 6d., October; Leith, 2s., October; Dublin, 2s. 3d., October; Belfast, 2s. to 2s. 3d., October; Rotterdam, 1s. 6d., September. There is no change in flour rates, and the demand for space is fair. We quote: Liverpool, 10s. and 5 per cent. prime; London, 9s. 9d.; Glasgow, 7s. 6d.; Leith, 11s. 3d.; Aberdeen, 15s., and Cardiff, 10s.; Belfast, 13s. 6d.; Dublin, 12s. 6d. The demand for room for provisions is good and rates show no change. Cheese—Liverpool, is 22s. 6d.; London, 25s.; Glasgow, 26s. 6d.; Leith, 25s.; Aberdeen, 25s.; Cardiff, 25s., and Bristol, 27s. 6d. Butter—Liverpool, 27s. 6d.; London, 30s.; cold storage, 45s.; Glasgow, 31s. 6d.; C.S., 46s. 6d.; Bristol, 32s. 6d.; C.S., 47s. 6d.; Leith, 30s.; Aberdeen, 30s.; and Cardiff, 30s. Hams, bacon and lard—Liverpool, 12s. 4½d.; London, 15s.; Glasgow, 15s. 9d.; Bristol, 15s.; Leith, 15s.; Aberdeen, 17s. 6d.; and Cardiff, 15s.

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