Mercantile Summary

Coaticook is endeavoring to raise a loan of $29,000 in order to meet maturing obligations and to provide for public improvements.

A scheme is on foot to establish large flour mills and elevators in Sydney, the grain to be transported from Montreal as a return cargo for the coal boats. At present, vessels carry practically nothing on the return voyage to Cape Breton.

The first beet-root sugar company to be incorporated is the Wallaceburg Sugar Company, Limited. Those incorporated are Alex. Forbes, Port Huron, Mich.; Benj. Boutell, G. W. McCormack, and H. M. Gillett, Bay City, Mich.; J. W. Steinoff, H A. Stonehouse, D. A. Gordonfi, and Miles McCarron, of Wallaceburg. The authorized capital is $300,000.

Secretary Gariepy, of the Cigarmakers' Union, says that if the existing difficulty is not soon settled, the International Cigarmakers' Union, of America, will take steps to establish a large cigar factory in Montreal, and is willing to put up from $40,000 to $50,000 for that purpose, and will allow the men to operate it themselves.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Dominion Live Stock Dealers' Association, Toronto, the city's present market was roundly condemned on account of the insufficiency of space and loading facilities. They pledged themselves to support any joint stock company which would undertake to provide suitable accommodation for the growing trade.

The contract for the reconstruction of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's hotel, at Vancouver, calls for the removal of the whole of the present structure, and the erection of a modern building on its site, to be double the size of the present one. The rotunda and dining-room of the new hotel are planned on a magnificent scale, and it is to cost some $500,000.

A special meeting of the Electrical Workers' Union, of Toronto, was held the other day, when representatives were present from many parts. The object of the meeting was to discuss shorter hours and the general conditions of work in the electrical business in Canada. They want examinations to be instituted, as the fact that many inferior workmen claim to be electricians, is causing injury to the trade.

In illustration of the pressing need for railroad communication, the Toronto Mail and Empire tells of a shipment of Manitoba flour, forwarded from Winnipeg to London, England, to be thence carried back to a trading post on Hudson's Bay. From Winnipeg to Hudson's Bay post in question, the distance in a straight line is, of course, insignificant by comparison with the distance from either of these points to London, it being found cheaper to transport the grain along the two long sides of the isosceles triangle rather than along the third and short side.