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FIERCE forest fires are doing great damage in Michigan and Wisconsin.

WORK on the dry dock at Halifax is now in progress and the contractors are pushing it forward with vigor.

If the New Haven News is to be believed, a woman would pay \$1,000 for a paper of needles if they were advertised as bargains.

LAST year nearly 25,000,000 pounds of imitation butter was made in Chicago. About three-fourths of all the bogus butter produced in the United States comes from that wicked city.

THE *British Columbian* says that the Canadian Pacific Railway has already received contracts for the transport of 6,000 head of cattle from British Columbia to Calgary. The cars have been forwarded and shipping will begin at once.

TRAVELLERS on the Canadian Pacific Railway are spared the trouble of making change in payment of meals on board train. The company has, we learn, adopted the system of issuing meal checks which can be procured when purchasing the passage ticket.

RAPID running was made by the tea train which carried the cargo of the good ship *W. B. Flint*. The end of the journey, Montreal, was reached last Friday, the trip from Vancouver being made in seven days. The consignment left Yokohama on the 19th of June. That portion of the invoice which was consigned to this city has passed the customs' and is now in the hands of the merchants.

ON the 6th October next the Lieutenant-Governor will formally open the grounds of the Ontario Central Agricultural and Live Stock Association, at Port Perry. This occasion will mark the inauguration of the first annual fair at which buyers are expected from the United States, Manitoba and the North-West. When completed the main building will, it is said, be the finest outside of Toronto. The grounds contain twenty-three acres and into them runs a line of railway which provides shipping facilities to all parts of the country without transfer.

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MONTREAL.**Mercantile Summary.**

A WESTERN exchange says that Ingersoll is making efforts to re-organise its Board of Trade.

THERE is a cotton batting factory at Chatham, Ont., which turns out 4,000 pounds of that article per week.

AUTHORITY from the Provincial Government has issued to the Dominion Organ and Piano Company of Bowmanville whereby its capital has been increased from \$50,000 to \$500,000.

A MEETING of the steel and wire-rod manufacturers of the United States was held in Pittsburgh on Thursday of last week, to develop a scheme to reduce the importation of foreign steel, which, it is claimed, is injuring their business.

THERE seems to be an abundance of oil in the township of Euphemia. In addition to the several paying wells which have been struck during the last few months there is a recent discovery on the farm of Richard Dobbyn which has, so the correspondent of the *St. Thomas Journal* writes, continued, without abatement, to pump at the rate of upwards of 100 barrels per day. Railway facilities are needed to remove the oil to the refineries.THE hurly-burly and artificiality of "boom" times must return with painful vividness to the residents of Portage La Prairie when they read, in the public prints, of the town's financial difficulties. In the *Winnipeg Commercial* we are told that the efforts of the corporation of Portage La Prairie to reach a settlement with creditors has failed, several having refused the offer made which was that the debt be reduced from \$265,000 to \$200,000, interest on which to be 3½ per cent. for the first 6 years, 4 per cent. for the next nine years, and 5 per cent. thereafter. One creditor has suggested that the principal be held intact, and that the interest be fixed at 3 per cent. for the first six years and 3½ for the next nine. To this proposal the Portagers will not agree and the matter is now at a dead-lock. The *Commercial* hopes that some arrangement will soon be reached, and that the town will be saved from an experience like that of Emerson.