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#### Mercantile Summary.

The \$60,000 of Winnipeg electric works bonds, which were issued by the city for thirty-five years, at 3½ per cent.. and which were purchased by C. H. Coffin. of Chicago, at 98¼, were delivered to the Bank of British North America some days ago.

Apropos of the "Shamrock" and "Columbia" yacht race for the American cup, the New York Life Insurance Company has prepared and sent out a very neat brochure, giving an embossed illustration of the cup itself on the crimson cover, and pictures the contestants for it since 1851.

The total mileage of the railways in the United Kingdom, in 1878, was 17.333, and the paid-up capital 717 millions of pounds sterling. In 1898, the mileage had increased to 21,659, and the capital £1,134,461,000. Thus the mileage has increased in this period by 4,326, at an additional capital cost of 417 millions sterling.

FREIGHTS on the Great Lakes are brisk. The rate from Port Arthur to Midland, for Canadian grain, is 4½ cents per bushel. The rate on American wheat from Chicago to Buffalo is 5 cents, and from Duluth to Buffalo, the same. On iron ore there is hardly such a rush as there was last month, when \$2 per ton was paid. The rate this week is \$1.75 on ore from Duluth to Ohio ports.

WHEAT receipts at Fort William last week were very heavy. Grain Inspector Gibb furnished statistics, showing that out of 1.235 cars (617,000 bushels), received in last week September, 1.010 cars graded No. 1 hard, which is equivalent to about 90 per cent. The total of 1.235 cars above given, compares well with 451 cars total, for the corresponding week in 1898, and 1.371 cars for the same week in 1897. For the present year there have been a total of 1.903 cars, or close upon a million bushels, inspected.

A WELL-KNOWN manufacturer of Montreal, Mr. James Crockett Wilson, died suddenly on Sunday last, of paralysis of the heart. The deceased gentleman had been in early life manager for a New York publishing house, and afterwards cashier for Angus, Logan & Co., paper makers, Montreal, and started on his own account in 1870, or thereabout, making paper bags by machinery. During the intervening years he established a large business and accumulated large means. Mr. Wilson had been an alderman of Montreal and member of Parliament for Argenteuil. and was prominent in a number of philanthropic and religious bodies. He was only 58 years old.



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