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Mercantile Summary.

THE shipments of cattle from Montreal for Britain last week aggregated 2,468 head, in nine steamers, three bound for Glasgow, three for Liverpool, one each for London, Aberdeen, and Dundee. These vessels also carried 381 sheep.

A Boston man is erecting two spool mills in Northumberland County, N.B., one in the Sugary and the other on Ox Brook. The Chatham Advance says he has contracts for 7,000 cords of white birch, or, as he expressed it, several miles of a wood pile.

EARLY last spring, six manufacturers of brick in Hamilton entered into an understanding as to prices, and agreed not to sell for less than \$6.25 a thousand. This price was maintained all summer, but as the sales were not as large as expected, some of the makers dropped to \$5.75 a thousand. The others followed suit, and now \$5.75 is the price quoted by the six.

THE export apple trade from the neighborhood of Ingersoll this season is very heavy, over 15,000 barrels being shipped during the past few weeks from that town alone. Messrs. Whitely and Edwards, of Goderich, have shipped to London, Eng., 6,000 barrels of apples. Mr. J. B. Hampidge, of Aylmer, Ont., has this year shipped over 12,000 barrels of apples to Great Britain.

In 1884 John Taylor began the manufacture of boots and shoes in Toronto, and for a time apparently made considerable progress. In July last he claimed to be worth \$10,000. This did not include his mining property at Sudbury. It would seem that he has invested too much in real estate, etc., to continue his business successfully, and will ask his creditors for their advice and assistance.

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