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Mercantile Summary.

THE Electric Co., of Windsor, N.S., has ordered a 100 horse-power Robb-Armstrong engine from the Robb Engineering Co.

A SYNDICATE of Montrealers, residing at Riviere du Loup and Cacouna, are to extend the electric light from Fraserville to both places, and talk of buying and modernizing the St. Lawrence Hall, Cacouna.

THE town of Lachine has passed the by-law granting a bonus of \$15,000 to Messrs. George Barrington, Sons & Co., to establish a trunk factory in the town by a large majority. The chief stipulations the company has to observe is that they purchase land, erect a building and put in machinery to the value of \$25,000, on which the company must give a first mortgage to the town; that they will employ at least 80 persons, 50 of whom must be heads of families, and all residents of Lachine, and pay at least \$25,000 a year in wages.

ACCORDING to a British Columbia exchange the citizens of Donald, B. C., are making strenuous efforts to capture the Big Bend trade. Twenty-eight men are now employed in re-building the old Moberley trail from Donald to the mouth of Canoe river, which had been built in 1877 by Capt. Moberley, and next summer it is the intention to turn this trail into a wagon road. From the mouth of Canoe river a steamboat will be run to the head of Surprise Rapids on the Columbia river.

THE American company which is going to develop the water power of the Jacques Cartier river for electric light and power purposes for the benefit of the city of Quebec in opposition to the present Montmorency Company, has acquired the chartered rights as regards Quebec of the Standard Light and Power Company, Montreal. It has a capital of half a million, and its president is Mr. Emerson

McMillan, of the banking firm of Emerson McMillan & Company, New York. It is expected that the work will be in full operation before January 1.

AT a meeting of the Directors of the Waterloo Mutual Fire Insurance Co., held at Waterloo the other day, Mr. C. M. Taylor resigned the office of secretary, to take effect on September 1st. Mr. Frank Haight, who has been accountant for the past thirteen years, has been appointed manager, with Mr. Taylor as assistant. A secretary will be appointed later.

THE Quebec Harbor Commissioners having advertised for tenders for the purchase of \$150,000 Quebec Harbor Commissioners' first preference bonds, bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, on the 1st of January and July of each year, and redeemable in thirty years, have accepted the offer of Messrs. Hanson Bros., financial agents of Montreal, their tender being \$101.26 per \$100, or a premium of 1.26 per cent.

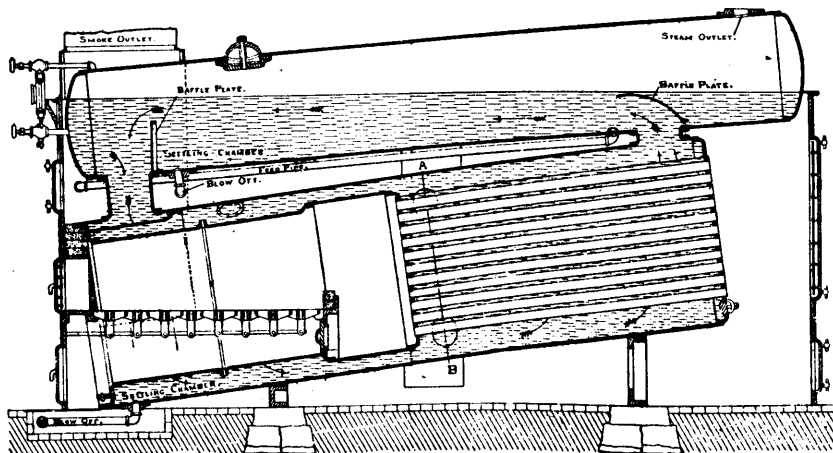
THE crop report issued by the Manitoba and North-Western Railway shows that cutting has begun on wheat, but will not be general until the latter part of the week. The western end of the line is a little later, bringing the general opening of the harvest about the middle of next week. There has been no damage by frost, and none by hail, except that already noted about Neepawa. The general average of wheat is placed at twenty bushels, with a few places on both sides of this. Oats and barley will be from thirty to forty bushels.

THE FIRE RECORD.

At Sherbrooke, Que., on the 13th inst., fire destroyed the building occupied by the Jenckes Machine Company and Canadian Rand Drill Company. The building is over three hundred feet long, by about one hundred feet wide, and on the arrival of the brigade it was found that the fire had gained such a headway that it would be impossible to save the building, consequently they directed their efforts towards stopping the fire from spreading. The estimated loss is from \$200,000 to \$250,000, and is partially covered by insurance. The employees, who had all their tools in the building, lose heavily, as they carry no insurance. The fire is supposed to have originated in the forge room of the Rand Drill Company.

What is described as the most disastrous fire in the history of Madoc, Ont., took place on the morning of the 14th inst. The fire was discovered in the Windsor Hotel stables, on the east side of Durham street. From the stables the fire spread rapidly to the sheds and the Windsor Hotel, a three-story building, owned and occupied by J. L. McGuire. The only appliances for fighting fire were a hand engine and pails, and it was impossible to check the flames, which rapidly extended in different directions. The burned portion extends over the whole block from Durham street to Elgin, and the total loss is estimated at \$50,000. The following are the losses and insurances: P. Sinclair, loss, \$2,000, insurance not known; J. L. McGuire, Windsor Hotel, loss, \$10,000, insurance; T. Mullet, drug store, \$1,000, loss, \$6,000; W. Mullet, loss, \$3,000, no insurance; W. H. O'Flynn, loss \$17,000, insurance, \$9,000; M. Bristol, loss, \$10,000, insurance \$1,000; W. Orr, loss, \$1,500, insurance not known; Methodist church, loss, \$10,000, insurance, \$6,500.

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