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**Mercantile Summary.**

A VOTE has been taken in Durham, Ont., on a by-law granting a loan of \$10,000 to the Durham Furniture Company, Limited. The by-law was carried by a vote of 224 to 20.

THE Guelph City Council has approved the proposition of Messrs. White & Sons, of London, to re-open and operate the rolling mills, formerly owned by the Guelph, Norway Iron and Steel Company. The city exempts the new concern from taxation for ten years. The mills will be operated by a joint stock company, and will employ not less than 40 hands the year around.

A WEEK ago was held the 131st annual meeting of the New York Chamber of Commerce. Morris K. Jessup was chosen president. J. Edward Simmons, William E. Dodge and ex-Governor Levi P. Morton were elected vice-presidents for four years. The preamble to resolutions recited some of the testimony produced before the Mazet Committee that candidates nominated for judicial offices had paid large sums of money to their political party, etc. Therefore, the following resolution was passed: "That in the opinion of the Chamber of Commerce a law should be enacted by the State, prohibiting, under heavy penalties, the payment of any sum of money directly or indirectly to a political party on the part of candidates for judicial offices; also prohibiting the bestowal of court patronage for personal or political reasons; also that the soliciting of contributions from candidates for judicial offices, for the purposes herein specified, shall be in like manner punished."

WE are permitted to make some extracts from a private letter written from Greenwood, B.C.—west of Grand Forks, and near the boundary—on May 3rd: "This town has over 2,000 people in it, and you would wonder where they hang out. There are fifteen hotels and five more building. There are four preachers here, of four different denominations, and only one church. The preachers take turns. One of them, a Baptist, is a regular Sam Jones style of man. There are two newspapers, the Times, twice a week, and the Miner, weekly. The saloons here are open all the time; one of them takes in \$200 cash every day. This is a live town, I can tell you. Greenwood is 2,000 feet above sea level, they say, but the different mining camps are from 800 to 2,000 feet above us. We are busy enough now in the mining way, but they expect the railroad through here next fall, and then the boom will boom, no doubt."



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