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Mercantile Summary.

A NEW furniture factory is soon to be started in Wingham.

FIVE thousand carpenters in Paris, France, are on strike for an increase in wages to one franc an hour.

THE employees of W. C. Edwards & Co.'s factory, New Edinburgh, have had their working-day reduced from ten to nine hours.

C. A. NETTLETON, of Penetang, has purchased the wallpaper business of Geo. Robinson, and will carry it on in connection with his drug business.

THE Sherbrooke Gas & Water Company intend to install new machinery in their lighting station the coming summer, which will increase their lighting capacity by 8,000 lights.

J. & T. CHARLTON, lumber merchants, of Tonawanda, have bought the Christie, Kerr & Co.'s sawmill, at Collingwood, and will operate it as soon as improvements are made. They expect to employ 150 men.

THE first survey of the proposed change of the G.T.R. road from Cobourg to Scarboro has been completed; a favorable route having been secured with the exception of a gully near Stevens' Mills, in Darlington township.

THE following companies have been incorporated in British Columbia: The Shawenegan Lake Hotel Co., of Victoria, capital, \$20,000; the Lloyd A. Manly Liquor Co., of Grand Forks, capital, \$50,000; Rio Grande Mining Co., of Rossland, capital, \$1,000,000.

AMONG cases before the Recorder's Court, of Montreal, are appeals from the Bell Telephone Company, the Gas Company, the Street Railway Company, and other large concerns, which strenuously object to the taxation of their wires, poles, mains and tracks, by the city.

THE pocket reference annual of the Dominion Brewery Company, Wm. Ross, manager, is an interesting record of sport, the game laws, and fishery regulations, together with commercial and financial information. It is compiled by H. J. P. Good, which ensures that its contents are as near accuracy as is possible.

THE Abbott-Mitchell Iron & Steel Company's works now being started up at Belleville, will manufacture iron and steel horseshoes, cut and wire nails, railway spikes, etc. The estimated output of the concern is from 12,000 to 15,000 tons per annum, and it is to employ 150 to 175 men.

OFFICIAL notices, "to all concerned," have been sent out from the offices of the Western Passenger Association, to ticket agents, general agents, travelling agents, and other persons engaged in soliciting passenger business, that the roads subscribed will not, hereafter, under any circumstances, pay any commissions on the sale of passenger tickets over their respective lines. The subscribed lines include all roads, except the Canadian Pacific, west of Chicago, St. Louis, New Orleans and St. Paul.

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