Mercantile Summary.

THE Ham & Nott Company are about to enlarge their factory at Brantford.

THE value of building permits issued for the month of April in Vancouver was over $150,000.

PLANS are being prepared for a new family hotel on Guy street, Montreal, which is to cost about $50,000, and be conducted on temperance principles.

THE shipments of Canadian hay to Great Britain last week, chiefly by way of United States ports, amounted to over 50,000 bales. The market is reported fairly brisk.

THE New Hamburg ratepayers have voted in favor of granting a bonus of $5,000 and a loan of $5,000 to the New Hamburg Manufacturing Company, to be repaid in ten years, beginning in 1907.

DESPATCHES from Dawson City tell of great dissatisfaction in the Yukon over the failure to obtain a complete abrogation of the Treadgold Company's exclusive right to create power in that district. It is stated that it will cause an almost complete cessation of development and prospecting work.

LUMBERMEN, both in Ontario and Quebec provinces, are worried over the comparatively dry spring, which, coming after the very sudden thaw, prevented them from getting their timber out of the swamps and down the smaller streams. It is feared that unless there is heavy rain within a short time, some of the smaller saw-mills will have to close.

THE Nanaimo Board of Trade has sent a deputation to wait upon the Dominion Government and request a subsidy to the Cape Scott Railway, which, as proposed, will be an extension of the E. & N. Railway. It is pointed out that the line is necessary for the opening up of the northern part of Vane Island. It is proposed to connect Alberni with Nanaimo at the upper end of the Alberni canal and to continue the road to Comox

MR. J. H. DOYLE and some Chicago capitalists, representing the Canada National Railway and Transport Company, want to secure a large tract of land at Ashbridge's Bay, Toronto. The company says it will put thirty or more vessels on the lake route to the sea, and will carry 50,000,000 bushels of grain down to the coast each year, bringing back return cargoes of coal from Cape Breton.

AN old-time trader is P. Ferland, at St. Jean Chrysostome de Levis, Que., who has been in general store business there for over twenty years. He has always been in quite a modest way, and latterly symptoms of dry rot have been evident about his premises and methods. He has now assigned, and shows liabilities of about $1,500.——The assignment is noted of Joseph Bussiere, retail grocer, Quebec city. He owes about $5,500, and shows a deficit of $800. In 1898, he failed, owing about $10,000, and then compromised at 50 cents on the dollar.