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MURRAY, Accountant's Office,
Supreme Court of Ontario, Toronto
Ontario.**Mercantile Summary.**A SCHEME is under contemplation for
the transmission of power from Niagara
Falls to Toronto.THE turning of the first sod of the
Lindsay, Bobcaygeon & Pontypool Rail-
way, which is to connect Bobcaygeon
with the C.P.R., took place at Bob-
caygeon on the 19th inst.SYDNEY ratepayers will shortly vote
on the question of obtaining a loan of
\$235,000 for waterworks, sewerage, school-
house and other improvements. The
debentures are payable in 30 years, and
are to bear interest at 4 per cent.THE shareholders of the Golden Star
Mining Co. have decided to reorganize
on an assessable basis. A charter is,
we understand, to be applied for, for a
new company, with a capital of \$1,500,-
000, to acquire the assets of the Golden
Star.THE Cowichan Improvement Company,
Limited, has been reincorporated, under
British Columbia laws, with a capital of
\$24,000. The objects of the company are
to improve the navigation of Cowichan
lake and Cowichan river from Cowichan
lake to the ocean.THE first large deposit of gypsum to
be found on the Pacific coast has been
discovered on Chichagof Island, sixty
miles west of Juneau. Arrangements are
being completed for mining the deposit
and putting it on the market, which will
probably be to California, where it will
be used for fertilizing purposes.JAMES CUMMINGS, of Lynn, ex-presi-
dent of the Dominion Millers' Asso-
ciation, has been appointed by the
Dominion Government to visit Africa,
as Canada's commissioner for the pur-
pose of opening up trade relations there.
Mr. Cummings will investigate all the
conditions of trade, so that he can in-
form Canadians what Africans can con-
sume of this country's products. He will
leave some time in February.THE La Compagnie Franco-Can-
adienne proposes to put on four new
steamships to give a regular bi-monthly
service between Havre and Montreal
during the summer, and a monthly ser-
vice to Halifax and St. John in the
winter. They expect thus to be enabled
to take advantage of the offer by the
Dominion Government of a subsidy of
\$50,000 a year for five years.A SPECIAL to the Mail and Empire
states that the Grand Trunk Railway
authorities and the Brantford city com-
missioners have had some difference
with regard to water rates, and the latter
allege that the former turned the muni-
cipal water into their own pipes, with
the result that on Monday morning
there was a bad burst. Before the
trouble could be stopped, the tracks were
flooded within two or three inches of the
platform of the Market street depot, and
some of the streets were also invaded.
In all 1,250,000 gallons were wasted, and
the commissioners have placed the mat-
ter in the hands of the City Solicitor.**THE TORONTO GENERAL
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