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### Mercantile Summary.

THE Erie Canal will not be open for navigation until about May 15th.

HALIFAX merchants are importing great quantities of tea, in the belief that the duty will be higher.

CATTLE have wintered very well on the ranches near Calgary, Alberta, though they are now somewhat thin after a five months' winter.

IN Montreal building circles there is difficulty between the bricklayers and their employers. This promises, however, to be settled in a peaceful manner.

MR. HIRAM W. BLINN, manager of the Canadian Savings & Loan Company, London, nearly twenty-five years, died at his residence in that city last week, aged 67 years.

DR. HENRY M. STEVENS, secretary of the Agricultural Insurance Company, of Watertown, N.Y., died at his home at Watertown on April 3rd, at the age of seventy-one years.

THE census of Leamington, just taken, gives that town a population of 2,446, an increase of 490 during the last year. The assessment is \$414,925, an increase of \$36,045 over last year.

THE Masterman Sulphite Pulp Mill is to be operated for a few days for the satisfaction of some gentlemen who are here from England representing parties who propose to buy it—*Chatham Advance*.

RATEPAYERS of St Henri have voted favorably on the by-law by which it is proposed to borrow \$200,000 for public improvements. One hundred and seventy-two votes, representing an assessed valuation of \$1,168,000, were cast in favor of the loan, and sixty-six, representing an assessed valuation of \$800,000, against it.

THE contract for building the new chimney for the Windsor, N.S., Electric Light Station has been given to George McArthur. This is to be the highest in Nova Scotia. The foundation is to be so constructed that after the chimney reaches a certain height it can be either topped off or extended thirty or forty feet if required.

SUIT has been brought by a stockholder against the directors of the Mercantile Credit Guarantee Company, of New York, to restrain them from turning over the affairs of the company to the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation of London, with which it had agreed to amalgamate as we had noted last week.

THE tug "Ranger" went to Amherstburg last week from the fish hatchery at Sandwich and deposited a load of young whitefish at Bar Point. The fish were in fourteen large cans and numbered 5,000,000. There are about 70,000,000 small fish at the hatchery to be deposited in the waters of Lakes Huron, Erie, St. Clair and Ontario.

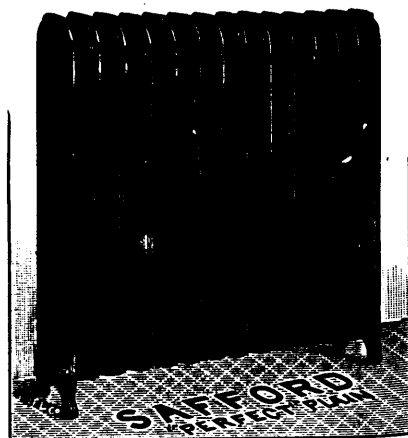
THE directors of the Rat Portage Mining Exchange, Ltd., having found the time at their disposal insufficient for making adequate preparations to ensure the success of the mining convention, previously announced to be held at Rat Portage, on the 6th, 7th and 8th of April, have postponed the date for holding the convention to June 2nd, 3rd and 4th next. Besides subjects relating to the operation of mines and the treatment of ores, special consideration will be given to the discussion of measures for bringing the gold mining industry into closer touch with capital, and for inducing a more liberal investment thereof, and diffusing a wider knowledge of the opportunities for investors now open in this region.

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