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#### Mercantile Summary.

THE steamship "Valetta" from Cow Bay. N. S., with coal, arrived at Montreal last Friday, being the first arrival from sea this season.

THE Customs' receipts at Montreal for the month of April show a very large increase over those for the same month of last year, being \$517,054 as compared with \$328,113.

THE Montreal Corn Exchange Association has decided to throw open the floor of the Exchange to the general public, between the hours of noon and one p.m., upon the payment of an annual subscription of five dollars.

It is stated by the Sarnia Observer, that Messrs David Morrice & Co., of Montreal have secured the old Taylor refinery at Wyoming and are going into the manufacture of refined burn ing oil.

It is stated that the firm of McGarvey & Co., which does a large retail business in Wyoming, has adopted the cash system, and will give it a thorough trial, being convinced of the difficulties that beset a retailer who gives credit.

THE first arrival of the new Allan steamer "Parisian" at Montreal, is to be made the occasion of a banquet tendered to Sir Hugh Allan and Mr. Andrew Allan by the citizens of Montreal. An influential committee has the matter in hand, and the 12th inst. has been fixed upon as the date upon which the event takes place.

Waterloo County has lost one of her pioneers and one of her most worthy citizens in the death last week of Sheriff Davidson, who had held that office for nearly thirty years. Coming from Aberdeen to Canada in 1835, Mr. Davidson was in turn farmer, shop-keeper, miller, in Bridgeport, Berlin and New Aberdeen. He has of late years been a director of the Wellington Mutual Insurance Company, of Guelph, where, as well as in his own County, his genial presence will long be missed.

HERE is a little history which reads as of its actors had been reading dime-novels, and had planned a bit of free-booting frontier life after their pattern; Wm. Gilliland, who in 1879 was a shop-clerk in Sarnia, went to Winnipeg. There he was detected in wholesale larceny. according to the Free Press, and sent to gaol. His brother Robert, and two other persons, named Mitchell and Clanty, banded together to rescue Wm. Gilliland from durance vile, but their attempt failed and the would-be liberators were arrested in their turn, and all committed for trial.