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Mercantile Summary.

N. K. FAIRBANKS & Co., the Montreal scales manufacturers, are about to establish a branch house in Vancouver.

THE Chignecto Marine Transport Company held a meeting in London on the 19th inst., and decided to press the Canadian Government to grant compensation for the abrogation of their contract.

SHURLY AND DIETRICH's saw factory in Galt was destroyed by fire on the 21st inst. The loss is something like \$100,000 with only \$26,000 insurance. This is the largest fire which has taken place in Galt for many years.

THE Roman Catholic Institute, known as Les Sœurs Gadbois, situate three miles east of St. Hilaire, Que., was on the 23rd inst. totally destroyed by fire. It was valued at \$15,000; insurance not stated.

THE retail hardware merchants of Toronto at a meeting a few days ago decided to affiliate with the Retail Merchants' Association of Canada, of which they will form a section. They will participate in the convention of the latter body to be held in Toronto on September 9th and 10th.

LUMBER in the west is beginning to show the result of last winter's short cut owing to the light fall of snow. Last week in Brandon an advanced scale of prices went into effect, so far as the wholesalers are concerned, and retailers will raise their prices proportionately very shortly. The advance varies from \$1 to \$6 per thousand.

MR. ALFRED HEWETT has sent us another issue of his Canadian Year Book. This is for 1902, and contains much statistical information, besides portraits of many of our public men, financiers, manufacturers, not so easily found elsewhere. One division of the book is called "Historical Happenings;" there is a list of branches of banks in Canada, and a score of pages of sporting records.

THE Quebec and New Brunswick Railway Company was organized at Quebec on the 20th inst., with the following directors: Hon. John Costigan, president; Hon. Adelord Turgeon, vice-president; T. J. Cochrane, manager of the People's Bank at Edmundston, N.B.; J. N. Gregory and Hon. H. S. Corroll. Work has begun on the New Brunswick end, near Corners Station.

A DAWSON CITY paper, of the 21st ult., referred thus to the opening of navigation: The opening of river navigation was officially inaugurated yesterday by the arrival of no less than nine steamers, all of which are now in regular commission and ready to handle the big volume of summer traffic. No more welcome sound is ever heard in Dawson than the whistle which announces the arrival of the first steamer. The event is an inspiring one, for it proclaims the glad tidings that Dawson is again in close touch with the great, busy, outside world.

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