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## Mercantile Summary.

THE boot and shoe factory at present located at Markham may be removed to Aurora.

WORK is now in progress at Collingwood on a large new steamship to be placed on the Sarnia and Duluth route. She will be similar in design to the "Manitoba," but larger and finer.

MR. CHAS. NEUMANN and Judge Kraus, of Chicago, have, it is said, completed arrangements to purchase the Sultana Nickel mine and property in the townships of Drury and Trill, near Sudbury, the price being \$250,000. Development work is to be carried on on a very large scale.

THE scheme for the consolidation of the stove foundries of Ontario has fallen through. When Dr. McCauley, the projector, asked for an extension of time, owing to various financial difficulties, some of the manufacturers concerned declined to agree.

THE Dominion Government have decided that in addition to completing this year the telegraph line from Ashcroft, to connect with Atlin and the Yukon country, a line should be built 200 miles in length from Port Simpson, eastward to Hazelton, where it will connect with the line constructed last year.

At the annual meeting of the Retail Druggists' section of the Toronto retail merchants' association the following officers were elected for the year: Chairman, Geo. A. Bingham; first vice-president, T. N. Sampson; second vice-president, J. W. Houston; treasurer, G. R. Reid; secretary, G. M. Petrie.

MESSRS. PICKFORD & BLACK, of Halifax, have bought in Europe a steamer, to be named the "Orinoco," to take the place of one of that name of their line which was lost. She is 318 feet long, 36 feet beam, 24 feet deep; net tonnage 2,417 gross, 1,523 net; speed, 12 knots. She was to leave Rotterdam on 30th ult. for Halifax.

MR. T. M. HEALY, Dr. Conan Doyle and Max O'Rell have given it as their opinion that the newspaper press is the great danger of the century. These distinguished persons seem to have been too much frightened by the yellow glare, says The Montreal Gazette. The sober paper that seeks steadily to tell the truth is a bigger force for good than the other kind is for evil.

ARRANGEMENTS are being rapidly completed for the formation of the company to erect a beet sugar factory in Chatham, of which project we have had something to say before. Mr. J. R. Truphant, of Detroit, who is the leading spirit in the enterprise, says the factory would cost \$475,000, of which amount New York bankers would put up one-half, and the remainder would be supplied locally. We see in the New Brunswick papers that efforts are being made there also looking to the growing of sugar-beets. Some of the soil there is believed to be peculiarly adapted to their culture.

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