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## Mercantile Summary.

W. A. D. GRAHAM is asking for a loan of \$5,000 and exemption from taxation to assist him in building a canning factory in Brookholm, near Owen Sound.

PLANS have been completed for Mackenzie & Mann's new 1,500,000 bushel elevator in Port Arthur. It is to cost \$350,000, and be completed by September.

E. F. DOTY, A. E. Woodworth, H. J. Hague and others are applying to the Quebec Legislature for incorporation for the purpose of producing light, heat and power in Montreal.

A VERY interesting address was delivered in Toronto last week before the Canadian Manufacturers' Association by Mr. Walter Kennedy, of Pittsburg, consulting engineer to the Cramp-Ontario Company, on the subject of what the company intend doing in Collingwood and northern Ontario.

THE Montreal Safe Deposit Company held their annual meeting last week and elected the following directors: George Hague, the Hon. L. J. Forget, R. Wilson-Smith, A. R. Macdonell, Edwin Hanson, Hector Mackenzie, F. W. Ross, Lieut.-Col. Fred. Henshaw and Robt. Archer. The board of directors afterwards met and elected Mr. Geo. Hague president, and appointed Mr. A. M. Crombie manager.

OWING to the great dissatisfaction among the English grain importers and shippers, whose cargoes have to undergo inspection at Canadian ports, the Liverpool Corn Association is reported to have in contemplation the stopping of importation altogether. Many of the cargoes by the time they reach Liverpool suffer serious deterioration. No doubt this grievance, however, will be remedied by the commission recently appointed by the Canadian Government.

THE report of the Dominion Government statistician shows what a vast development has taken place during the past decade in the use of electricity for lighting purposes in Canada. In 1891 the census gave 80 establishments selling electric light. In 1897 there were 187, increased to 297 in 1900. The electric lamps supplied by the establishments selling electricity for light numbered 443,897 in 1897, and 807,772 in 1900. Ontario has made rapid strides in the employment of electricity for lighting, using 418,573 lamps in 1900 against 201,955 in 1897. Quebec province increased its employment of electric lamps from 185,892 lamps in 1897 to 235,322 lamps in 1900. British Columbia had a couple of establishments selling light in 1897 with a small number of lamps, while in 1900 it had 13 electric companies with an equipment of 52,653 lamps. In gas lighting the census of 1891 gave 49 gas works in Canada. In 1900 there were 43, showing a decrease of 6. The best average gas supplied in 1900 was in Woodstock, Ont., whose citizens obtained an average of 25.2-3 candle power. Fourteen gas establishments supplied gas of over 20 candle power and 29 with under 20.

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