

CATTLE are being shipped from the Maritime Provinces too. A lot of oxen were shipped last month from Charlottetown *via* Halifax for the English market, some horses were at the same time shipped for the Southern States. Twenty-one head of cattle were shipped from Sackville, N.B., by rail to Quebec, England, and 30 head more are fattening at the same place.

NEW BRUNSWICK exports of canned lobsters have not, it is claimed, been adequately reported, because Nova Scotia has wrongfully got credit for those shipped from Kent County, N.B., *via* Intercolonial and Halifax to Britain. Three million pounds is claimed as the total export for 1878, of which 1,000,000 were from Kent, the following quantities of lobsters and mackerel were shipped by the route above named by Richibucto people:

H. O'Leary,	11,000 cases or	538,000 lbs.
R. B. Noble,	1,000 "	48,000 "
J. H. Bell,	3,000 "	144,000 "
Kimball & Co.,	1,400 "	
Dominion Packing Co., (a large quantity).		

THE number of Canadian horned cattle shipped this year from Dominion ports is stated at 7,260 up to date, against only 3,356 American and Canadian last year. The exports of sheep to date are 1,799 head, against 841 head this time last year. During the whole of 1878, some 19,000 head of cattle were exported from St. Lawrence ports or Halifax, that is both Canadian and American.

A VIOLENT storm at Rimouski on Saturday last blew ashore three schooners, blew down buildings, smashed boats and damaged the wharf, carrying away the lighthouse. The sea rolled into the streets and washed away part of the railway track.

IT is a shocking thing to some, while to others it seems a blessing, that the use of lager beer is spreading steadily in the United States and Canada. The quantity of that beverage brewed in the States is ten million barrels annually; of this New York State supplies 3,285,498 bbls. The number of breweries in the country is 2,830, and in fifteen years these have paid into the treasury in revenue taxes \$109,717,000.

HALIFAX appears to be in earnest in making the Nova Scotia Exhibition to be held there in October a success. A committee of eighteen citizens has been appointed by the City Council to assist in the arrangements; work is going on upon the buildings.

THE Michigan State Legislature, by joint resolution amending the constitution, authorized Detroit to raise money to build a tunnel or a bridge across the Detroit River at that city, its cost not to exceed 1 per cent. of the tax valuation.

THE annual report of the Silk Association of America, shows a nearly continuous decline in the prices of raw silk during the past year amounting to from 20 to 30 per cent. The market has recently become firmer at the same prices as those of February, which were at a lower point than had been reached during thirty years, and very far below those which ruled from 1855 to 1872, and during the excitement of 1876. The imports of raw silk in the U. S., were 38 per cent. greater than in 1877 and 20

per cent. over those of 1876. So also, England and France report increased receipts. A new feature in the currents of trade has been the increase of importation of raw silk from Asia through the Suez Canal and the Mediterranean, direct to New York. As the greater part of the Asiatic invoices come across the Pacific Ocean, and thence are brought hither by rail, it follows that silk has been travelling simultaneously two opposite ways round the world, though starting from the same point and going to the same destination.

THE Tennessee legislature repealed the charter of Memphis, with a view to giving effect to the repudiation of the large bonded debt of that city, and the Supreme Court of that state had just sustained the act of that legislature. "Luckily for common justice," says the *Buffalo Express*, the Supreme Court of Tennessee is not the highest legal authority in the land. When the Supreme Court of the United States gets hold of the question we shall know whether good law can be found to cover barefaced swindling."

WE learn that the buildings and appurtenances of the Woodley's big shoe factory, the glory of St. Roch's suburbs, Quebec, are to be sold under insolvency on the 19th inst. The puzzling question appears to be, who, after the adverse experiences of the shoe trade, is likely to pay *cash* for such a purchase, for the terms of the sale are so announced.

A BY-LAW granting \$4,000 to Messrs. Taylor & Sanderson, woollen manufacturers of Guelph, for the removal of their factory to Napanee, was passed in Napanee yesterday, by sixty-four votes. The proprietors give security to carry on the business for eight years in the town, to employ not less than twenty-five hands daily, and pay \$10,000 annually in wages.

ONE of the old business men of this city feels the necessity of consulting his creditors about his financial position. Mr. J. R. Armstrong, stove founder, is unable to meet paper maturing, indeed requires renewals in full, and has been sued for \$1,000 upon some real estate transaction. With a total liability, largely secured by way of mortgage, of \$50,000, he shows assets in lands, buildings, patterns, &c., of \$125,000, which is very unrealizable. He needs time, but evidently he needs something more, *i.e.*, active capital; and this we are told he is likely to obtain by taking into partnership Mr. W. J. Shaw, late wholesale grocer here. By so doing he is to secure \$20,000 cash, being put into the business, not by Mr. Shaw, Oh! dear, no, that would not be correct, he has too recently failed, but by Mr. Shaw's wife, who has not been "unfortunate" in business.

BUSINESS changes go on, whether they be quiet and voluntary, or sudden and compulsory. Mr. Henry Lowndes, dry goods, Kingston, has sold out; W. Keitch, Newmarket, closed his general store there; G. H. Summerfield, drugs, Mount Albert, is giving up business, so is W. H. Davis, grocer, Paris, and George Skinner, grocer, Schomberg; Puddiconbe & Glass, London, druggists, have sold out; George Yates,

general storekeeper, Oil Springs, has retired; Smith Thomson, of Malvern, general dealer, is removing to Manitoba, as is Geo. W. Girdlestone, of Windsor. Mr. C. E. Perry, druggist, Elora, has assigned, likewise Wm. Holditch, Maganetawan; John D. McLearn, of Liverpool, N.S., and P. J. Kuhn, dry goods, Halifax; Robert Brown, a Charlottetown grocer, compromised at 50 cents; J. H. Patry, hardware, St. Sauveur, compromised, and J. M. Rinte, general dealer, of Mansonville, tried to do so. F. Schwarz, cigars, Hamilton, has been attached; also Geo. H. Turner, tins, Ingersoll. We hear of seven assignments in the week and twelve attachments. Messrs. G. A. Eastman & Co., of Orangeville, dry goods, are understood to be in difficulty in consequence of the failure of Messrs. Claxton & Co., Montreal.

THE Accountants of Montreal met on Wednesday last, Mr. James Court in the chair, to organize a society which is to be incorporated as the Association of Accountants of Montreal, ultimately intending to form a board which shall examine and qualify accountants. A committee, consisting of Messrs. P. S. Ross, Thos. Darling, A. F. Riddell, Lajoie, Beausoliel, John Fair and Moffat, were chosen to confer as to future proceedings.

THE death is announced at Quebec at the ripe age of 74 years, of Mr. R. S. M. Bouchette, formerly for many years commissioner of customs for Upper and Lower Canada, which appointment he received, we believe, in 1851.

KINGSTON, after her recent and creditable efforts at glorification during the vice-regal visit, is planning further festivity in the way of a fire mens' excursion on 4th July to Watertown, and Press Association meeting &c., on the 22nd.

MESSRS. T. J. CLAXTON & Co., of Montreal, have made the announcement in the *Witness*, in reply to some rumours circulated about accommodation paper, that: "there is not one dollar of paper out that is not for legitimate transactions; each note held by banks and ourselves is *bona fide*, representing merchandise sold and delivered, and further, there are no endorsements of any description except for legitimate purposes of our business."

AN offer of compromise at 40 cents in the dollar is made by the Toronto retail shoe firm of W. C. Barron & Sons. They have been in business some fifteen years, and there are some properties presumed to belong to them which have not, however, been put into the schedule of assets. Consequently their offer is not accepted by creditors.

THE dry goods establishment of J. J. Walsh & Co., of Port Hope, has been closed up, and it is understood that the firm is unable to pay its debts. The stand they occupied is one in which the Messrs. O'Neil made money, and it is presumed that these gentlemen may again occupy it and make their name prominent as of old.

SOME instructive revelations were made at a recent meeting of creditors of a Lambton County miller, named Willing. The liabilities were shown to be \$11,500; assets about \$13,000. The latter include his mill property, which is