

MEASURES are being taken to build an elevator at Point Levis, Que., the town corporation and the Grand Trunk Railway aiding.

C. MACDONALD & Co., furriers of Montreal, have dissolved by retirement of Mr. Macdonald, a new firm is formed in succession, under style McLean, Shaw & Co.

W. & G. WATT of Newcastle N. B. whose difficulties we noticed in our last issue, have been placed in bankruptcy. Their liabilities are some \$19,000 and assets \$8,000 to \$10,000.

G. A. GIROUARD, general store dealer of Buctouche N. B., and Samuel Whitebone, beer manufacturer of St. John N. B. have been served with writs of attachment.

GEORGE SMITH & Co., dry goods dealers of Halifax, N. S., have sold out their stock to Jno. Baldwin & Co., at the rate of 80 per cent, of the cost inventory. Mr. Smith intends to return to Bathurst N. B.

THE business people of Woodstock, N. B., are made more comfortable by the erection in the post office there of 103 patent letter boxes, with lock and key.

ONE firm in Chatham, D. K. McNaughton & Co., purchased a quarter million dozen eggs the past season in the counties of Kent and Essex, for shipment to American markets.

THE Kingston & Montreal Forwarding Co., transhipped at Kingston and forwarded to Montreal in the season just closed, 3,000,000 bushels of grain.

ADVICES from St. John, N. B., state that during the past week there has been a decided advance in deal freights from that port, as high as seventy shillings being offered in some cases.

THE Vin Villa vineyard on Pelee Island have made over 10,000 gallons Catawaba wine this season, the grape crop this year being the largest ever known there.

THERE were 161,000 bush. barley delivered at Oshawa harbor this autumn, against 120,000 last year; 30,000 bushels was yet in store last week.

THE disappearance of a New York fur merchant of forty years standing, with \$10,000 unpaid debts, may be safely set down to stock gambling.

R. W. McANDREWS, grocer, St. John, and Geo. C. Trenholm, grocer, of Moncton, N.B., have assigned in trust, and H. L. Sterns, stationer, of Moncton, N.B., has sold out to H. T. Stevens.

SOME of the smugglers of Prince Edward Island are proving themselves as reckless and brutal as the smugglers of older times; for at Souris the other night they beat with a stick and kicked nearly to death an Inspector of Revenue, Mr. J. A. McDonald.

HORSE breeding is increasing in England, and imports into that country declined from 30,000 in 1877 and 26,000 in 1878, to less than 18,000 in 1879.

ACCORDING to Mr. Lowe the cost of bringing the 7,000 Sepoys to and from Malta last year,

at the time of Lord Beaconsfield's grand coup, was £765 per man, or a gross sum of \$5,355,000.

A GENERALIZED statement has been submitted to creditors of the estate of L. H. Deveber & Son's St. John N. B. It shows liabilities direct and indirect of \$828,000; good judges place the probable direct liabilities at \$650,000. No exact estimate of assets can be as yet formed, but these are somewhat wide spread and will be difficult to realize.

THE liabilities of Harrington & Mackenzie, paper hanging dealers of St. John N. B., who lately suspended are about \$7,000, and they owe privately some \$2,600. Harrington not long since transferred some property to his wife, and if this is upset, the estate will probably pay claims in full.

THE United States Treasurer on Saturday transferred \$10,000,000 in gold to the assay office at New York to be used in paying for foreign gold deposited for conversion into American coin. This makes a total of \$60,000,000 transferred for that purpose since August 13th.

A circulation has been made by a continental statistician as to the amount drawn by various sovereigns from the civil list. According to this it appears that the Czar has 125,000 francs a day; the Sultan, 90,000f.; the Emperor of Austria, 50,000f.; the Emperor of Germany, 41,000f.; the King of Italy, 32,000f.; and the King of the Belgians, 8,215f.

THE liabilities of H. Leblanc & Co., grocers and importers, of Montreal, against whom a writ of attachment has been issued, are about \$25,000, assets not yet known. Writs have also been issued against W. A. Campbell, spice mills, J. B. Laplante, printer, M. J. Demers, trader, and Joseph Dupre, forwarder, liabilities small.

THE business of W. G. Lawton, of St. John, N.B.—whose death we noticed in our last issue—will be continued by Herbert C. and Stanley Lawton, to whom it has been left by will, and will be conducted under the style of W. G. Lawton's Sons. The estate is valued at \$90,000, which is left to the sons, subject to the payment of an annuity to their mother.

TWELVE new locomotives and one hundred cars have been ordered by the Canada Southern R. R. Co., to accommodate their increased traffic. The freight traffic shows no signs of abatement, we are told every available car is used in transit, and the passenger traffic also shows an increase.

THE timber inspector at Winnipeg has seized 1,500 cords of wood belonging to the Fuel Company, believing that the wood has been cut from Government timber limits. The company demurs, but the timber inspector claims that they must show, not only that they bought it in the city, but that it has not been obtained from Government lands. A promising law suit is likely to be the result.

A LARGE deposit of marl—a mixture of clay and carbonate of lime, often used as manure—

existing near Marlbank in Huntington township, back of Belleville has been purchased by parties who will ship it from Belleville as an experiment. Richmond township also in Hastings county and fronting on the Bay of Quinte, also contains marl-pits.

THERE are signs of a revival in the trade of Lyons with the United States. The exports of silks and velvets in the month of October in the Lyonesse district, says the London *Economist*, amounted to 4,356,395 francs, against 3,755,861 francs in the same month of 1878, and 2,964,307 francs in 1877. The increase in the first ten months of the year was from 36 millions in 1878 to 42 millions in 1879. The trade was, however, still considerably less than in 1875 and 1874, when it amounted to 61 millions and 57 millions respectively in the ten months.

THE body of a man, found in a terrible state of decomposition on Thursday in the the top-most flat of the Exchange Bank building, Montreal, is stated to be that of James Smith, formerly a grocer in George street, that city, who was reported missing some three months ago. It is surmised that deceased, who was given to speculation, and frequented the Bucket Shop, which used to be in the same building, lost all he had, and hiding himself away under the rafters of an unoccupied room, took poison. The smell in the neighborhood during the autumn was attributed to bad drainage.

AN Iowa landlord bound his tenant with a cast-iron leasing contract, which provided that the rents "whether due or to become due, shall be a perpetual lien on any crops and other personal property of the lessee, whether the same be exempt from execution or not." The legal force of this clause was made the chief issue in a lawsuit. It was argued that a contract making subject to seizure property which statute declared to be exempt from execution is contrary to public policy. This is the first case of the kind which has been before the Iowa courts, and the Iowa Supreme Court recently decided to the effect that the contract was valid.

A VERDICT for \$7000 damages was obtained lately against the Dominion Telegraph Co., before the Supreme Court at Halifax, at the instance of Messrs. John Silver & Co. The complaint was that the company had furnished to St. John's papers in January last, a false report of the failure of the firm named. The plaintiff alleges that this report was totally unfounded, that it injured their credit, and was one of the causes of their subsequent embarrassment. The jury after an absence of about an hour returned a verdict for the amount stated. This is peculiarly a case where the sympathies of the jury would be with the plaintiffs, and it is probable that the real question may yet have to be fought out in the courts. So we may expect to hear again of this suit.

IT is deserving of notice, in the era of "big things" and competitive enterprises, that the biggest thing of the kind known, one which made even Bostonians stare and underwriters