

A new bark of 1400 tons, the *Avonmore* launched some days since at Hantsport, N. S. is loading deals at St. John for London at 57/6.

We learn by a letter from St. John that Messrs. Hall & Fairweather of that city have made a first direct importation of tea from China via the Suez Canal.

One car of fish to Chicago, two of food oil and two of syrup to Montreal, and one to Brantford were shipped over the Intercolonial from Halifax this day week.

The wholesale shirt and collar manufacturing firm of Tooke Bros., Montreal, has been dissolved, Mr. Benj. Tooke continuing alone under the old style.

Messrs. Savage, McCanna & Co., of Granby, Que., shipped 400 tubs of Eastern Township butter to Manitoba one day last week.

The Canada Braid Works, which were some months ago established at Colborne, Ont., are now very busy. About fifteen hands and ninety machines driven by steam are employed, manufacturing shoe and stay laces out of thread supplied by the Hamilton Cotton Company.

New buildings are required to meet the growing demands of the Napanee Brush Company, and about the first of the year new structures which are specially fitted for the work will be ready for occupation.

A VALUABLE vacant property on McGill street, Montreal, bounded by four streets, was sold the other day to Quebec's millionaire, Mr. James G. Ross, for \$100,000. Real estate operators attach importance to the transaction as likely to have an enlivening influence upon the market.

MOSES GENTILLY, a shoemaker, recently moved to Coaticook from Compton, where he had been in business a very long time and always paid his way, has written to his creditors that he is unable to go on and wants to assign. His creditors are disposed to meet him fairly, and have advised him to call a meeting.

GEORGE LAING, formerly of Whitby, Kingston and Paris, went to Acton not long since, and has been doing a general business. He did not succeed, however, and has assigned to R. Carrie & Co. His stock was sold at auction and bought by an Acton firm.

THE new issue of notes of the Maritime Bank St. John, bearing the signature of Thoma MacLellan, Esq., President, are said to be handsome. On the \$10 bill, a later portrait of the Queen is a striking feature. The five is a genuine commercial note, bearing all the emblems suggesting trade, and is, perhaps, the handsomer of the two.

THE manufacturers of Toronto ought to urge their employees to attend the series of lectures on Monday and Thursday evenings at the School of Practical Science alongside the Observatory in the Park, entrance from College St. They are sure to be instructive, and are a marvel of cheapness.

THE headman of the Mennonite settlement in Manitoba, Kaiser Miller, lately signed a contract to have his people deliver 40,000 bushels

of wheat at \$1 per bushel, at West Lynne. No fewer than 131 teams loaded with wheat were counted the other day between West Lynne and the first Mennonite village, a distance of eight miles.

REFERRING to an article upon the lighting of industrial establishments which appeared in this journal last week, a correspondent writes to thank us for it, and informs us that Mr. Wardlaw of Galt, impressed with the need of a change in the method of lighting his yarn factory, which he is now actively rebuilding, will have it illuminated with gas.

A PRIVATE meeting of the Brewers' Association was held in the Walker House, Toronto, on Wednesday evening. The following officers were chosen: A. C. Hooper, Dow Company, Montreal, president; J. Lottridge, Hamilton, 1st vice-president; E. O'Keefe, Toronto, 2nd vice-president; James Taylor, secretary and treasurer.

OUR Montreal correspondent writes as follows with respect to an item in last issue taken from the *New York Times* relating to the affairs of D. & J. Sadleir & Co., publishers. The two concerns, Montreal and New York, are distinct and separate—D. & J. Sadleir of Montreal having been a separate concern since 1869, with J. A. Sadleir of Montreal the only partner. The Montreal firm is in no way involved by failure of the New York house.

C. A. MARCHAND, a storekeeper of St. Agathe des Monts, Que., has been arrested on a *capias* at the suit of a Montreal creditor. Marchand finding that the business was not profitable had sold out his stock at invoice prices, and announced his intention of leaving for Montana, but had previously called a meeting of his creditors at which he states he intended to hand over the proceeds of the sale to them. He claims to have \$3,000 to pay assets of \$2,400, and threatens an action for damages.

THE third competition exhibition of designs for decorated cards will be held at the American Art Gallery New York, during the present month. It will be wider in scope than predecessors, the call not being for Christmas cards exclusively. The prizes will be proportionately greatly in number and in aggregate value. Mr. Prang gave some account of the London exhibition of similar character. He states that while in some cases the handiwork was very good, in others it was very bad. The greatest lack was of ideas, however—a lack which was even more apparent than on the walls of the U.S. exhibition. In the whole London collection he could scarcely find one card that display any real originality of design or any appositeness of fancy.

The Montreal Harbor Commissioner's report for the month of October is of the same tenor as previous monthly reports of this season, showing a decrease in the arrivals of shipping as compared with last year, and a consequent decrease in revenue. The shortage in sailing tonnage was 8,787 tons; increase of steam tonnage 2,488, showing a net decrease of 6,299 tons. The revenue receipts were \$31,096, as compared

with \$45,476 for October 1880. The gross falling off in the revenue for the season to November 1st being \$70,286, is almost exactly 25 per cent less than last year, agreeing with the estimated decrease of revenue consequent upon the new reduced tariff which came into force this Spring.

TUESDAY last was a gala day in Napanee—over one thousand persons visited the glass works to see the first blow, which we are glad to say was a success. We saw dozens of cylinders of clear glass about five feet long and one foot in diameter, which is the first form in which window glass appears. These cylinders are then slit lengthwise and when heated are flattened. In June last work was commenced, and an effort was then made to form a joint stock company, but owing to the want of enterprise among those who could spare money it was abandoned. By this time a considerable sum had been expended on the works by Mr. John Herring, who was not daunted by the illiberality of some of those who ought to have assisted him. With his accustomed energy the buildings, furnaces, machinery, etc., were pushed on to completion at an expenditure of about \$40,000. In future we may expect to have Canadian glass of a much better quality than that ordinarily used in the windows of our houses. It is hoped that this project will be of some advantage to the Brockville Chemical Works. Instead of using salt cake, on which is imposed a duty of 20 per cent., and which is but an inferior grade of soda ash, an offer will be made to substitute for it Sulphate of soda. This can be laid down at the works for about \$12.00 per ton. The sandstone which is pure silica is quarried at Lansdowne, and when brought to the works is crushed by powerful rollers. The item of coal is a large one in this enterprise, already \$1200 has been expended in the payment of duty on it.

GENERAL storekeepers are here and there in a state of unrest, even to-day, when mercantile affairs are by common consent in a much improved condition. For example, Robert Blackwood & Son, of Bismark, advertise their business for sale; H. Watson, of Clearville has sold out. The stock of J. M. Scribner, Campbellford, is for sale by the sheriff. Thos. Armstrong's stock at Elmwood is advertised to be sold on the 24th inst. Wm. Milne, of Maxwell has sold out. F. D. Ramsey, of Schomberg, advertises his business for sale; J. M. Pane, grocer in this city, desires to sell out. John Lauder, of Bird's Hill, and A. Rinskoiff, of Emerson, Manitoba, give notice that their businesses are for sale. We regret to observe that the factory of King & Dolan, makers of batting and other cotton goods, Merrittton, has been burned; Booth & Sons, coppersmiths, &c., in this city, have suffered severe loss also by fire, and the ink factory of J. J. Smith & Co., here, has been burned. The woollen mill of Rueshle Bros., of Chesley, was burned on the 14th inst.; estimated loss \$10,000, insurance \$4,000. Philip Boehmer, maker of knitted goods at Berlin, has sold part of his machines, and has gone, with his brother, into the business of men's furnishings. A. F. Smith of Millbank, advertises his woollen mill for sale. W. McHaffie, hat maker of this city has left the province, and John Palmer's planing mill is advertised for sale by bailiff. Alfred Ogden, of Canso, N.S., has sold out his lobster factory. A. Christie & Co., builders; Alfred Lordly, spices; Banfill & Co., machinists, and T. P. Trueman, grocer, St. John, N.B., have all been burned out.

—The following French-Canadian pun is copyrighted by the St. John's *News*. An egg is said to contain as much nutritious food as two or three times its weight in meat, &c. No wonder that the saying should have come into vogue; "Un œuf is as good as a feast."