

The first number of the Toronto Railway and Steamboat Guide has been issued. It is neatly framed in glass, and proves to be a reliable and carefully arranged guide. Six of its eight columns are devoted to time tables of the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific railways; the remainder of the space is given to ocean and lake steamship dates, express tariff, freight service, postage rates, etc. It is to be issued weekly from the publisher's office, 8 Wellington street east, and should, we think, find a place on the wall of every business office.

Here is the way in which the Philadelphia Record speaks of the bill just introduced in Canada, providing that tourists shall not catch more than thirty speckled trout in one day: "The average tourist would scorn to be seen with such a small string as that. If Canada were as solicitous for the preservation of our seals against her own poachers as she is for the conservation of her trout against our harmless tourists, a deal of worrying diplomacy might be spared our unhappy land on the brink of a Presidential Convention."

BURNISHED steel on stoves is often mistaken for nickel-plate. There is comparatively little nickel-plate used on the parts of a stove where great heat comes, since it has a tendency to scale off when exposed to a high temperature. A stove manufacturer tells the Boston Journal of Commerce that there is nothing so good for cleaning burnished steel as naphtha. There must be no fire in the room when it is used, and do the work by day-light. If a stove requires cleaning, be sure that there is no fire in it. Wet a soft cloth with naphtha and rub the steel briskly.

JAMES BRUCE, general storekeeper, Carman, Man., has compromised at 60 per cent. In 1888 he showed a surplus of \$21,000 over liabilities of \$9,000; then he got an extension which gave temporary relief, but one year ago he was obliged to get another extension of twenty months from his two principal creditors. Evidently the terms of this were not carried out.—In Holland, Ont., John Moir succeeded to the business of the Holland Milling Co. in November, 1889. Previous to this he had been farming and trading in that district, and made considerable money. In view of his position at that time his assignment now is something of a surprise.

WHAT is said to be the largest driving belt ever manufactured in Canada is that which is now almost finished at the leather belting manufactory of Robin & Sadler, Montreal. It

is made without a rivet and is a solid mass of leather, three-ply, cemented together by a pressure of 30 tons weight. Its width is 53 inches; length 130 feet, and about an inch in thickness, and weighs 1,000 pounds. The out-sides are without a patch, while the whole contains 100 selected steer hides. The belt will be submitted to a special process whereby the surface will be made proof against oil absorption. It is intended for the Royal Electric Light Co.'s new dynamos, and will transmit 800 horse power.

WORD comes from Brussels, Ont., of the suspension of the private banking firm of McIntosh & McTaggart, a dozen years in that place, and of the flight of the manager of the business, Mr. McIntosh, who, it is said, was sole proprietor. We are told that McTaggart is a retired doctor, living in another town, who formerly advanced money and lent his name to the business. It is too soon to obtain particulars of the condition of the estate, but there are a number of depositors to be paid, with a questionable percentage of assets out of which to pay them. No one accuses Mr. McIntosh of dishonesty, so far as we hear, but he was not a trained banker, and he seems to have fallen into one or more of the pitfalls that are always dug for the man who can be coaxed to advance money on unsafe security.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Sherbrooke Gazette, writing from Lake Megantic, in the southern part of Quebec province, near the State of Maine, indulges in some moralizings on the lumber trade, as follows: "The lumbermen's camps will all break up this week. Although the season was short they say they did as well as they do on an average, for they did not lose a day after they commenced. In fact, between pulp and saw logs, there never were more taken out than there have been this year; but there has been a good deal of waste owing to the long hauling. Nothing but the very best was taken, which is a great loss to the country, and now, as there is such a demand for pulp wood, this section will soon be a barren wilderness. Lumber is the best crop we have, and we can't raise it every year."

A COMBINATION of western linseed oil dealers is said to have been effected, and to be now in operation. We hear that Toronto, Hamilton, Guelph and London parties are in agreement with parties in Montreal as to prices. According to Thursday's World, "The agreement with the Montreal combine is that its schedule of prices shall rule as far west as Peterboro on the Canadian Pacific Railway and as far as

Whitby on the Grand Trunk. West of these points the schedule of the Ontario association must be complied with." It appears that in addition to dealing with prices the combine purposes dealing with the terms of credit. Heretofore customers have been given four months. Now it will be thirty days and no discount. Mr. Hobbs, of London, is president, Mr. McNally, secretary, and Mr. W. B. Stewart, treasurer of the association. The board of directors consists of Messrs. Sanderson Pearcy of Toronto, Adam Hope of Hamilton, and M. Bowman of Guelph.

A CANADIAN pickle manufactory doing business in Toronto, under the style of Lake & Co., had been putting up their goods with an English brand. When threatened with legal proceedings Lake suddenly took his departure, as that business is in a demoralized condition, and he evidently thought the game was not worth the candle.—A. D. Campbell, doing a small grocery trade in Toronto, has assigned.—So has G. F. Pardee, builder, here.—J. Erth appears to have been a deliberate swindler. He opened extensive premises in this city, as milliner, fancy goods dealer, etc., and employed a large number of girls. Most of them worked about three weeks, for which time they have not been paid. But the poor innocent girls were not the only ones deceived: several of our shrewd business men were mulcted for a few hundred dollars. It is scarcely necessary to say that Erth is now safely beyond our borders.—The landlord is in possession of the grocery business of T. Kelley in this city.

SEVENTY-FIVE thousand dollars is named as the probable cost of the new building of the Royal Pulp and Paper Co., at East Angus, Que., now completed. It is a two-machine mill. In the basement the drainers, wet machine, stuff chests, etc., are placed. On the main floor is an engine room 65 by 110 feet containing the beating and washing engines; rotary boiler room, 65 by 28 feet; engine room, 32 by 26 feet; machine room, 55 by 130 feet; finishing room, dynamo room, supply room, etc. The next floor comprises the rag room, 65 by 137 feet, where the cutters, dusters, etc., are placed. The boiler house, with four steam boilers, is connected with a brick chimney shaft 101 feet high. The canal, some 300 feet long, and wheel pit, had to be excavated through solid rock. The four wheels working under a head of 13 feet give some 800 available horse power. The whole of the buildings are lit by electric light. The machinery is of the most improved pat-

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