

THE total water consumption of Montreal for the month of November, 1888, amounted to 372,398,427 gallons.

THE steamer "Damara" took to London last Friday from Halifax, 24,000 bushels peas, 8,500 barrels apples, and 1,200 cases lobsters.

LARGE quantities of spruce deals are being forwarded by the Intercolonial Railway from Point Levis this winter for shipment at Halifax.

A SECOND and final dividend of 17 per cent. is now being paid to the creditors of the defunct Peters Combination Lock Company. This, with the previous 25, makes a total of 42 per cent. divided.

THE population of the City of Toronto, according to the municipal census taken on Wednesday last, is 166,040. This is exclusive of Parkdale, a suburb which will shortly be added to the city.

A GOOD-NATURED man in Goderich acknowledges in a humorous way that: "Your Memory-jogger was duly received, and in answer I herein send you the two dollars, jogging along, along. And I hope THE MONETARY TIMES will jog along to me as usual."

WOLFVILLE, N. S., is agitating for incorporation, and is desirous of having the Kentville Water Works extended to that town. Wolfville is a beautiful village in the Annapolis Valley, the seat of the flourishing Acadia College, and is situated in the midst of an apple-growing district.

F. L. GODFREY, a city furniture dealer, met his creditors in November last and his assignment now follows.—The creditors of C. W. Lake, a grocer, also of this place, have been considering his position, with what result we have not heard.—E. M. Trowern was generally supposed to be doing a profitable business in jewellery in Toronto, but operations in real estate has brought about financial difficulty, and Mr. E. R. C. Clarkson is now in possession of the estate. The liabilities will, it is thought, exceed \$25,000.

BEUTHNER BROS., manufacturers' agents, Montreal, have assigned with liabilities of nearly \$6,000, two-thirds of which are divided between an English house and a noted local optician. C. A. Beuthner has been the only partner since August, 1887. Prior to this he travelled for the firm of Beuthner Bros., and bought in the stock of the latter at the time of their failure. His capital resources were never large, and he found it uphill work since the start.

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OWING to the increased rates of freight now being earned by Nova Scotia ships, that sort of property is worth at least fifty per cent. more than it was a year ago, and shipyards in the province shew great activity. Freights are still on the rise, \$16 per M. being offered in New York for lumber to South American ports. This is surely good news to a province which owns a ton of shipping for every inhabitant.

A RETAIL dry goods concern in Montreal, P. A. Leduc, has made an assignment, after a business record of exactly three months, and he owes \$1,380. He had been a clerk, and thought his fortune made when he got a chance to become proprietor of a store with a capital of some \$600 which he had saved. One feels sorry when people like Leduc are *desillusionnes*, but they should not be so ready to experiment as merchants with too little capital and too little experience.

BRITISH COLUMBIA journals tell us that Mr. E. E. Rand, of Vancouver, well-known as of the enterprising firm of Rand Brothers, is endeavoring to form a company to bore for minerals, water, natural gas, and coal. He has a boring machine of the latest make and proposes to bore at the top of the hill directly in rear of the city. Mr. Rand goes to England in connection with business interests of the firm, and for the purpose of developing several schemes of material importance to Vancouver and the Province.

THE Donald Truth has a paragraph stating that a promising discovery was made last July on Toby Creek, which empties into the Columbia River, at a point about a hundred miles up the River from Donald. The ledge is well defined, with slate and granite walls. "It is 24 feet from wall to wall, carrying mineral the entire width. The pay streak is fully 6 feet wide of almost solid mineral. The ore is a cube galena, carrying silver and a little gold. An assay made at Ottawa gave a return of \$66 in silver to the ton, and one made by McVicker, of Salt Lake, Utah, gave \$72 in silver and \$1 in gold to the ton, besides going 78 per cent. in lead."

THE publishers of the long established Canadian Almanac, Messrs. Copp, Clark & Co., have published in addition to the usual issue, an illustrated edition, from the preface to which we make the following extract: "While the Canadian Almanac will still occupy its old field, this publication (The Illustrated Canadian Almanac) will strive to give information useful to every Canadian in a popular and readable way, and to present to

its readers specimens of the work of leading Canadian and other artists as opportunity permits." Besides portraits of several of our public men, landscape and other engravings, an attraction in the issue for 1889 consists of illustrations of the seasons by W. Cruikshank, A.R.C.A., and some groups by F. C. V. Ede.

On Tuesday evening last, the Retail Grocers' Association of Toronto held its annual meeting. Officers were elected as follows: J. Berwick, president; Robert Barron, vice-president; J. F. Thackeray, secretary; A. R. Williamson, treasurer; Frank Johnston, inner guard; D. W. Clark, Robert Mills, William Cahoun, F. S. Roberts, committee. A committee of eight was appointed to arrange for the annual dinner. The executive committee was instructed to notify the provision merchants not to sell to consumers at the same prices as to retail grocers. Notice was given of a motion that the Government and City Council be memorialized to take action against such of their employees as do not pay their bills. We are interested in observing that Mr. Mills is to read, at the next annual meeting, a paper on book-keeping for retail stores. There are few more important subjects for discussion.

A FIRM of private bankers in Strathroy and Forest sends to this office from the latter place the flattering testimony which follows. Premising that "We enclose draft in payment of our subscription to April, 1889. We want to be on the list for that promised useful office article," the letter goes on to say: "We have now been subscribers to your journal for fifteen years, and during that time have received many useful hints which have been invaluable to us in the management of our business. If THE MONETARY TIMES found its way weekly into the office of every banker and merchant in the country, and they would only use it as the mariner does his chart, for the purpose of guiding him off the rocks on which other vessels have foundered, we should soon have less work for sheriffs and assignees. We wish you continued success."

THE principal partner in the general store firm of T. L. Bowker & Co., at Marksville, having lost considerable money by the failure of the Michael's Bay Lumber Co., the firm finds itself unable to meet liabilities and the sheriff has taken possession.—Not succeeding in his endeavors to obtain a compromise at 25 cents on the dollar, Geo. Strathern, a jeweller at Midland, has assigned and his affairs will likely be wound up.—A. D.

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