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ship. There are about 300 men employed in these yards. A new ship of 1,200 tons, the Cedar Croft, was launched at Portland recently.

— It is stated that the forthcoming report of the Marine and Fisheries department, which shows an increase of exports of Canadian fish to European countries, indicates that there is a strong tendency to change in the course of trade in certain kinds of our coastal fishes, which were formerly supposed to find sald only in United States Markets. Mackerel are entering more in supply for domestic consumption m fresh state, and are being sent to Europe in the same condition. Herring are being extensively shipped to Sweden and Germany; the latter business has grown up within a year.

- Somebody writes to Bell's Messenger :-Whilst wishing success to our enterprising American and Canadian friends in helping to supply our markets with fresh beef, some means must be devised by which it will retain more of its natural character in transitere the trade can be established on a firm footing. I have eaten and tested portions of the prime pieces, and I found that, although the beef was in every case exceedingly tender, it had lost much of its flavour and nutrition in carriage. The cause is that when the meat is removed from the re_ frigerating rooms on ship-board 'sweating,' or evaporation, sets in, and this will increase as summer advances. I have, however, perfect faith that science will devise some cheap mode

-That the butter and cheese trade is not uniformly free from the usual trade vicissitudes is seen also by the suspension this week of Henry Parker, provision dealer of this city, caused by unjust reclamations on the part of his English creditors. He lost \$18,000 alone upon the shrinkage in values of his consignments to England, which amount he made good, but the heavy claims made upon him for reclamations, with a large amount of his paper coming back upon him, led him to conclude that the only course for him to pursue in justice to his creditors was to solicit their advice. He is also said to have lost considerable through the non-fulfilment of contracts by parties in England, by which his goods were thrown upon the market at a great sacrifice. Liabilities, secured, about \$15,000; unsecured, trifling. He was formerly in business at Boundary Line where he was unfortunate owing to lumber speculations.

- We regret to learn from various portions of the Province of Quebec that the potato big is destroying the crop. It is thought the potato bugs will be nore numerously represented this summer than since their advent in Canada, and much apprehension already exists as to the safety of the polato crop all over the country of which there is fully a broader average planted this year than last, in consequence of the paying prices obtained of late. An experienced agriculturist accounts for the prospective increase of the bug in this way :--The snow which last winter covered the fall wheat, and prevented it being hurt by the frost, also kept in good condition the eggs from which the bugs come, and hence the prospective increase this summer over last year, when a lack of snow caused the death of large patches of fall wheat, and killed out the bug whilst in egg form. Meanwhile it ought to be the duty of every agriculturist, every polato grower, to destroy the bugs by Paris green, etc., although much care should be observed to avoid its being carried by the wind on lettuces, &c., eaten raw.

- A rep r of the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Dominion Bauk will be found elsewhere. The ability to earn an 8 per cent. dividend and carry \$20,000 to Rest in such times as these evidences exceptionally good management. The Rest now amounts to \$290,-000, about 30 per cent. of the capital of the bank.

- A Kingston paper referring to an interview which recently took place between Mr. Hickson, of the Grand Trunk Railway and the Mayor and Gouncil of that eity says :--"The Mayor and members of the city deputation returned, and appear rather pleased by the interview they have had with Mr. Hickson and Mr. Hannaford relative to the removal of the Grand Trunk workshops from Brockville and Belleville to Kingston, and the bringing in of the passenge trains through the heart of the city." Are the voices of the hackmen hushed?

- The annual meeting of the Metropolitan Bank was held last Monday. The statement showed that the floating liabilities had been reduced from \$309,173 in December to \$7,666.16 on the 1st June. The balance at the debit

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