

The catch of salmon in the St. John river is said to be unusually large this season.

The Yarmouth Telephone Co. has paid its stockholders their first annual dividend of 18 per cent.

F. J. McEwan general storekeeper at Newcastle, N. B., has been sued by a Quebec firm and has assigned.

MUCH of the salmon now caught on the North Shore, says the *St. John Sun*, are frozen and are now held for higher prices.

The Melbourne Tramways Trust have approved of the construction of forty-nine miles of street tramways in the capital of Victoria at a cost of £927,606.

PROGRESS in railroading is evinced by the success of the New York Central Road in running a newspaper train from New York to Albany—147 miles—without slackening or stopping.

THE latest demand among eccentric fashionables is for artificial eyes to be worn as covers over their own, thus changing the color at will. There is a fortune in store for the optician who hits upon a plan for supplying the demand.

THE most recent episode in the Marine Bank failure is the announcement from Washington that the Controller of the Currency has determined to order an assessment of the shareholders to the extent of 100 per cent. on the value of their holdings.

THE awards by the Nova Scotia Government, of contracts for bridges in Pictou country, include the following: Welsford Bridge.—Dominion Bridge Company, Montreal, for iron work; Stellarton Bridge.—Dominion Bridge Company, for iron work.

OF the telegraph lines on the continent of Europe 239,000 miles, with 947,400 miles of wire and 39,100 stations are under Government control. The United States telegraph companies have 142,000 miles of line, with 520,000 miles of wire and 17,500 stations.

THE British Postmaster-General has ordered the American mails for England and Scotland to be taken direct to Liverpool instead of being landed at Queenstown. This arrangement has been rendered desirable owing to the great speed now obtained by mail steamers.

SHERBROOKE possesses a factory for corsets, which we in the West—who possess the Crompton Corset Co. and the Ball Patent Corset Factory—have not heard much about. Yet it can turn out, says the *Gazette*, 600 corsets per day and employs 100 hands, and 46 sewing machines.

ABOUT a week ago, Mr. George Merritt, sole partner in the firm of Messrs. J. C. Merritt & Co., wholesale boot and shoe manufacturers, London, left the city. Mr. H. E. Nelles is in charge of the premises on behalf of the creditors. The liabilities are said to be large.

THE following is a list of the guns now in course of construction for Spain:—In England, 14 Armstrongs and 18 Nordenfelts; in Germany, 16 Krupps; in France, 39 steel guns, principally of 12 and 10 centimetres, and in the Spanish national manufactory eight of 16 centimetres and two of 20 centimetres. More artillery is being contracted for abroad.

THE Buffalo Commercial declares that there is no money in carrying lumber down the lakes this season, at present rates of freight, and that a number of sail vessels will likely lay up. The vessels that are now running are chiefly those whose owners have an interest or probably own the lumber they carry.

THE shipment of butter from New Zealand for the British market, says a London journal, is satisfactorily evidenced by the arrival in London

of several consignments of 800 casks each. The butter is kept in cold-air chambers, at a temperature of 38°. It sells readily at twenty-two cents a pound, and there is every probability of a large increase in the trade.

THE New Brunswick Cotton Mill of Wm. Parks & Son, at St. John, N.B., has suspended work. Mr. Parks finds it necessary to ask creditors for an extension of time. His liabilities are placed at about \$225,000; the assets are estimated at over \$400,000. It is expected that work will be resumed in a week or two. About three hundred hands have been employed.

THE long expected prints from the works of the Magog Textile Print Company were shown for the first time last week in Montreal. The specimens show varied patterns, some of them white dots on a blue ground, others white spots on a chocolate ground, white spades upon blue, white stripes upon red, diamonds on blue ground, and so on. These are to be sold, says the *Witness*, at about 7½ cents per yard, and are 28 inches in width and "64 square."

A QUEBEC shoemaker of some four years standing, Mr. A. J. Caron, is reported in trouble and offering 40 cents on the dollar.—P. Dauphinais, of Sorel, boat builder, wants to liquidate his indebtedness at the rate of 5 cents on the dollar.—Taylor Bros., a firm of general storekeepers at Knowlton, Que., are in embarrassed shape; several creditors are pressing, and a seizure before judgment has issued, based upon a claimed admission of their inability to pay.

THE "Kent Mills" in Chatham, Ont., were burned some months ago. They have been rebuilt, and in their place stands a five story brick structure 60 by 50 feet, fitted with fourteen double roller mills, centrifugal reels, purifiers, bran dusters, Eureka flour packers, &c., &c. The motive power is supplied by one of Inglis & Hunter's Corliss Engines. The *Planet* says, ecstatically, that the mill has 400 feet shafting, 5,000 feet belting, has a capacity of 350 barrels flour per day, and has cost \$60,000.

ADVICES up to 16th inst., says the *Quebec Chronicle*, "report the cod fishery on the north shore a failure, absolutely none being taken, except at Green Island, off the Labrador coast, where there is an average prospect. Fishing on the south shore and in the Gulf is also very poor and the outlook is discouraging." On the 9th instant, heavy rain and easterly wind set in which may bring in the fish and improve the fishery, as it certainly will the crops, for the Lower St. Lawrence had been at that date a whole month without even a shower.

CARD telegrams are much in use in Paris. There are two kinds of them—one like the ordinary postal card in form and color, and the other blue, and capable of being so closed as to conceal the writing. They are each large enough to contain a message of fully sixty words. When a card is dropped into the card-telegram box of the nearest telegraph office, the official in charge picks it up, and has it transmitted through one of the pneumatic tubes which extend all over the city, thus insuring its delivery at the place to which it is addressed in less than a half an hour from the time it was posted.

THE International Mining, Smelting and Manufacturing Company has filed articles of incorporation. Headquarters, Minneapolis, with a branch office in Winnipeg. The stock of \$2,000,000 is divided into shares of \$10 each. The officers are R. T. Hurlburt, President; O. R. King, Vice-President; Chas. Evans Holt, Secretary and General Manager; O. A. Pray, Treasurer. The other incorporators are F. C. Pillsbury and R. C. Kalkoff, Minneapolis; F. Proudfoot and J. S. Tupper, Winnipeg. The mines

are located on Big Island in Lake Winnipeg and are said to cover an area of 240 acres of ground, which it is estimated will produce "millions of tons of hematite iron."

In the *Ontario Gazette* of Saturday last appears a notice of the issuance of letters patent under the Great Seal of the Province dated 8th instant, incorporating John Stuart, merchant; John Jacques Stuart, merchant; James Stuart, gentleman; Charles Sumner Scott, gentleman; and Hugh Smith Stephen, banker; all of the city of Hamilton, for the carrying on of the business of importing, buying and selling merchandise, by the name of "John Stuart, Son and Company, Hamilton, Limited," with a total capital stock of \$150,000, divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

APPLICATION is to be made for a charter of incorporation under the Ontario Joint Stock Companies' Letters Patent Act, for the "D. F. Jones Manufacturing Company," to make spades, shovels, forks, hoes, and agricultural implements, and tools of every description. The head office to be at Gananoque. The capital and stock of company to be \$200,000 in shares of one hundred dollars each. Applicants: David Ford Jones, Gananoque; Robert G. Hervey, Maitland; Clarkson Jones, Toronto; Thomas Ludlow Harrison, Morley, N.Y.; Frank Jones, Gananoque: all of the above named to be the first directors of the said Company.

RUMORS afloat for some days past affecting a large Montreal crockery house, have found confirmation in the announcement that Messrs. J. L. Cassidy & Co. were seeking indulgence in the way of an extension of time. The general dullness that has prevailed, together with a heavy stock and a large lock-up in property and investments, have rendered this step necessary. The business liabilities are placed at \$170,000, while assets show in excess some \$80,000. Mr. Cassidy has always stood highly in the esteem of business men generally, and has the sympathy of all in his embarrassment, which it is hoped may only prove of a temporary character.

THERE is one advantage which factory operatives have in England over their brethren in this country, says the Chief of Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics, who has just been abroad, and that is in the matter of rents. In Bradford the rents for comfortable houses range from \$1 to \$1.25 a week, including gas. At Saltaire, near Bradford, "the houses of the working people are very excellent, rents being from thirty to one hundred dollars a year for three to five room houses." In Bolton, a great centre for fine cotton spinning, "the houses are excellent, one of four rooms, good, but of the lower grades, renting for 84 cents per week. These are usually well supplied with good furniture, pictures and books."

On Saturday next, we are told, the contract of the Canadian Express Company with the Canadian Pacific Railway expires, and on the following Monday the Dominion Express Company, limited, will commence a similar service over the entire system, extending from Montreal to the summit of the Rocky Mountains. Parcels and valuables for the North-West will be despatched over the Ontario and Quebec to Toronto, and thence to Owen Sound via the C. P. R. steamers to Port Arthur. The *Star* says that the equipment, including portable safes, etc., is of the latest description. This will be the more readily believed by any one who saw the handsome display of vehicles made by the company at the Toronto semi-centennial procession.

THE law, recently passed, making it a penal offence to send an unseaworthy vessel to sea is a measure which sailors tried to get through Congress years ago, but that body never seemed disposed to take active steps against unseaworthy