Leading Wholseale Trade of Montreal.



WHAT is said by the Quebec Chronicle to be the first house of the kind to carry on an exclusively wholesale hardware trade in that city, has just been formed by Beaudet, Lefaivre & Garneau. Mr. Beaudet was formerly a partner in the well-known firm of Beaudet & Chinic.

THE Hespeler Mills estate was sold on Tuesday last. The stock consisted of raw wool, cotton, cotton yarn, tweed, flannel, &c., amounting in all to about \$33,000. There was a large number of buyers present from Montreal, Toronto, and other places, and the bidding was lively, in many instances full value being paid.

A FEW days more and the year 1887 will have been ; apropos of which a Georgia newspaper, the Ellaville Enterprise, says something which we should be glad to hear oftener, whether from platform or pulpit. " Let those of us who are alive in 1888 celebrate it by attending to our own business and loving our neighbors. Let us refrain from quarrels and strife, remembering that God who made the universe also made man; no two of whom were manufactured alike. \$ome are saints, some are sinners: and if the saints expect to have much luck in reforming the sinners, they must hate the sin and love the sinner. Love your neighbor as yourself, but always try to paddle your own canoe. This advice is gratis and not patented."



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Mercantile Summary.

A GROCER at Lafayette, Ind., stored twentyfive tons of groceries on a floor made to hold up fifteen tons, and was the most surprised man in town when everything gave way with a crash. He had never figured on pressure and resistance.

SAYS the Country Merchant: "The British ship "Dawpool," from San Francisco for Liverpool December 9th, carried, it is said, the most valuable cargo ever exported to Europe by sailing vessel from that port. The total manifest value of the cargo was \$331,445, including 43,962 cases salmon, 13,915 centals and 3,592 cases canned fruit.

It will be remembered that a young clerk named McNeally, who was employed by a savings bank in Saco, Maine, robbed the institution of \$3,500 in cash and \$185,000 in bonds last August. He escaped to Europe via Montreal and, for a time, enjoyed himself in the cities of the old land. Tired of this life he returned to America and was captured at Halifax, but previous to his capture he handed over the remaining bonds to his brother, who, it is understood, gave them up to the bank and apparently with the consent of all parties McNeally was discharged from custody at Halifax a day or two ago. The Bank gets out of the scrape better than was at one time feared and will probably lose only the \$3,500 cash.

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Mercantile Summary.

THE Montreal friends of Mr. Geo. Iles, late manager of the Windsor Hotel in that city, have presented him with an appreciative address and a purse of \$1,100 on his removal to New York.

THE Rector of Petite Riviere, Nova Scotia, writes to the Canada Lancet asking for information as to the causes and character of a worm which exists in the flesh of the codfish in that neighbourhood. He says he found five of these. as thick as an ordinary darning needle, imbedded in the flesh of a fresh cod, two pounds in weight. They were one to five inches long, usually found coiled up in the fleshy part of the back, resembles an earthworm in all but the color, which is white, and exhibited life even after the fish was cooked.

It is the impression of the Commercial En. quirer that grocers are in the habit of pouring fresh water into a barrel of mackerel in order to keep the fish covered by the liquid, part of which may have evaporated. This should not be donc. To preserve the fish properly the full strength of the brine should be maintained. If liquid is added it should be more brine and not fresh water. Any article preserved in brine absorbs salt and thereby weakens the brine. This is provided for by adding to the pickle a small quantity of solar salt, which dissolves slowly and makes up the loss. The grocer will be safest in leaving all freshening processes to the cook.

