

REPORTS from all parts of Essex county show that the crops which are now growing will be very heavy. The late rains have done a wonderful amount of good.

FALL wheat is cut around Port Elgin, and will be an average crop. Peas and oats also promise well. The dry weather has made hay, roots and corn largely a failure. Potatoes, however, never looked better.

TELEPHONE communication between Hebertville and Chicoutimi, Que., was established on Thursday last. The negotiations for the connection between the Chicoutimi and Lake St. John lines are progressing, but are not yet completed.

JOHN HILL, a carriage maker, Midland, Ont., has assigned. In business since 1889, Mr. Hill has apparently made little headway, and was unable to stand the losses of a fire which unfortunately burnt his premises several months ago.

MR. CHAS. ALGAR, who is interested in the iron industry, is in the city. He is prospecting with a view to establishing a blast furnace. His proposals to the various cities is upon the basis of a free site to be used only for blast furnaces, exemption from taxes, and \$5,000 a year after the mills are running.—Belleville Ontario.

MR. JUSTICE VALLEE, who has made the tour of Anticosti Island in company with the Depecher French party, reports that Mr. Meunier, the French chocolate manufacturer, charged a party to explore the island of Anticosti, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, with a view to buying it. The price offered by him is \$160,000. Mr. Meunier proposes to build two stations, one situated north of Gamache Bay and the other north of Fox Bay.

E. A. SENTENNE, of Montreal, formerly a dry goods clerk, started a small men's furnishing business a year or so ago, and his failure is already reported. Liabilities are \$1,186 — W. A. Denham, last manufacturer, of the same city, is offering general creditors 20c. cash, and privileged creditors 50c. — Gaspard Brouillet, shoe manufacturer, Montreal, has amended his recent offer of compromise, and proposes to pay 35c. on the dollar. — Ceaphas Thibault, shoes, has made an assignment, and is offering his creditors 40c. cash on liabilities of \$1,970. — Henry Matthieu, formerly a "chef de cuisine" at the Windsor Hotel, and who recently started in the restaurant business,

has assigned to the court, owing \$7,069. — O. J. Monday, clothier, has also assigned, after having been sued several times.

THE OIL MARKET.

In spite of the recent fall in values in the American oil markets, says the *Petroleum Topic*, August 1st, the price of Canadian crude has advanced two cents all round. Petroleum crude is now selling freely at \$1.52 on 'Change, and \$1.55 at the Imperial tanks, while Oil Springs receipts are \$1.54. The outlook is very encouraging for the producer, the demand for crude being very strong, and likely to become stronger as the market for refined brightens up. The producers are selling freely, evidently thinking the present prices are pretty good. Refined is 10 to 10½ cents in bulk, and 12½ and 13 cents in barrels f.o.b. Petroleum.

—Two or three projects for converting water power into electricity and transmitting the latter to Atlanta, Ga., over a line seven and a half miles long, are now under consideration in that city. One of them would develop 14,000 horsepower, another 20,000, and a third 36,000. These are all modifications of the same general plan.

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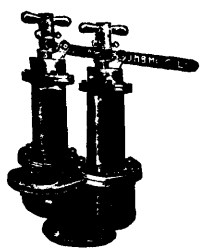
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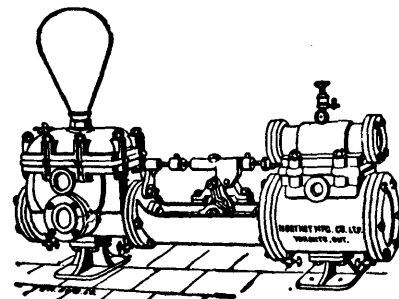
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