

OUR Montreal correspondent tells us that a cargo of two thousand five hundred tons of Burmese rice has just arrived.

A SHIPLOAD of raw sugar for the Redpath refinery at Montreal was lost a few days ago on the Nova Scotia coast; three thousand tons, it is said.

THE total east-bound all-rail shipments of dead freight from Chicago last week were 52,343 tons, against 51,336 tons for the same week in 1892.

BUSINESS men and other property owners in Kingston are excited, according to the *News*, over a rumor that the city's insurance rating, which is now A1, will be lowered. It is said that the companies intend to take this action because of an adverse report from their inspector.

THE Canadian Bankers' Association will hold its second annual meeting in Toronto on June 7 and 8, the second day being for the reading of papers and the discussion of them. Among the subjects likely to come up for consideration, is the question of private bankers.

It is understood that the rate on letters to Newfoundland from Canada, and vice versa, will be three cents, the same as on Canadian letters, beginning July 1st. Newspapers will be given the Canadian rates. It is another sign of the more cordial relations, political and commercial.

For the past week we have been using C. W. Dennis' special telephone receiver, which intensifies the sound over the wire, and renders conversation much more easy, especially at long distances. By using this, with Reid's whisperphone, a person may readily talk as if in a drawing room instead of shouting like an auctioneer.

THE bailiff has taken possession of the hotel premises of McKinnon & McFarland, at Vancouver, B.C., and sold the effects, realizing on the same \$2,750.—About ten years ago Monroe Miller began business in Victoria as a job printer and made some money, doing a large trade. But granting credit freely of late he found at last his capital all locked up in book debts, and he now makes an assignment, with liabilities of \$20,000 and assets nominally \$32,000. Creditors ought not, with proper management, to lose heavily.—George T. Lundy, hotel-keeper, Chilliwack, B.C., has assigned.

PIERRE THERIEN FILS, of St. Antoine, St. Abbe, Que., the successor in June, '91, to the general store business of his father, who then retired with a moderate competency, has already made shipwreck of his prospects, and has had to assign in trust to a Montreal accountant. A lack of sobriety is assigned as the principal cause of his failure.

A. GAGNON, dry goods, Montreal (Centre street), who was in trouble eighteen months ago, and got an arrangement made at 37½ cents on the dollar, has assigned, owing \$3,200.—Stephen Gagnes, a butcher and grocer at Cornwall, is offering his creditors 25 cents on the dollar. His liabilities are small, only about \$1,100.

THE stock of F. W. Long & Co., St. Mary's, was sold to F. D. Ramsay, Chesley, at 59½ cents.—E. S. Wigle bought the general stock of M. J. Wigle, Essex, amounting to \$11,700, at 63½ per cent.—Albert Massey, late of Mr. J. D. Fowler's jewellery establishment, at Fredericton, N.B., has purchased the boot and shoestock and business of Alonzo Kelly, St. John, and will take possession at once.

THE Amherstburg *Echo* chronicles the appearance in Detroit River last week of the Norwegian steamer "Xania," en route for Chicago. The steamer is built of iron, is rather small—only 170 feet long—but is a seaworthy looking vessel, schooner-rigged, with machinery amidships. She is laden with 1,250 barrels of salt-water herring, from Bergen, Norway. The steamer will take a load of flour back to Norway from Chicago.

ACCORDING to Prince Edward Island papers of the 17th and 18th, lobsters are quite plentiful at all stations from Miminigash to North Cape; fairly so at Tignish and Malpeque, but scarce at Kildare and Alberton. Herring are being taken in good quantities at all stations from Miminigash to Malpeque, except Alberton, where they are scarce. There are light catches of cod at Tignish.

For the purpose of introducing the planting of tobacco in some parts of Canada, and of promoting its culture in others, Mr. J. M. Fortier, of the Creme de la Creme cigar factory in Montreal, informs us that he has imported a large quantity of Havana tobacco seed. This he is prepared to give away to anyone wishing to grow the fragrant weed. Applicants may either call at 149 St. Maurice street, or write to that address.

It is stated by the *Montreal Witness* that proceedings are to be taken at an early date against business men who refuse to pay the Quebec Provincial Government commercial tax, "according to rumors in legal and commercial circles." The double amount will be demanded, as provided by the statute, but the fine will not be insisted upon for the present. Energetic measures are to be taken against any one found guilty of making false declarations.

THE Victoria, B.C., branch of the Merchants Retail Commercial Agency seems to be successful in that city. Its chief officer is R. H. Jameson, and the association has now over one hundred members, comprising the great bulk of the principal retail traders. It was announced at the second general meeting that a sister society had been established in Nanaimo, and was already nearly 40 strong. The subscription was fixed at 50 cents a month, payable quarterly, in advance.

AMONG mariners much interest is shown in a test of flame from magnesium powder made in a New Haven, Conn., lighthouse, recently. By this means "a visual range of seventy miles may be obtained, if necessary." Neither oil, gas nor electricity has proved satisfactory to the Lighthouse Board; but the new process, which is of German invention, is expected to solve the problem of lighting, so that useless sacrifice of life and property may be prevented.

THE sheriff has taken possession of the harness shop of John Smithers, at Moosomin, Assa. and will sell the stock next week. Mr. S. has been chattel-mortgaged for \$1,600.—The premises of L. M. Sage, livery stable keeper, at Red Deer, Alberta, have been put into the hands of the sheriff, who will sell to pay creditors.—A settlement has been effected by J. W. Thornton, storekeeper and miller, at Yorkton, Assa., at 30 per cent. discount. It will be remembered that he assigned some weeks ago.

At the meeting of the Royal Society of Canada this week, Dr. Johnson, Dean of the Arts Faculty of McGill University, brings up the subject of more liberal appropriations for the coast survey, and of placing this service on as efficient a footing as that of the geological survey of Canada. Within the past eighteen days six Atlantic ships have met with serious accidents in Canadian waters. The charts of the River St. Lawrence are, in

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