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THE exports of hardware and cutlery from New York during 1878 were 115,754 packages, valued at \$2,585,627, against 84,933 packages and \$2,076,284 in 1877.

We regret to observe that by reason of the falling off in patronage of the reading room and merchants exchange, established 18 years ago in Charlottetown, P. E. I., by Mr. McNeil, the room has been closed.

NEWBURY's shipments last week include 600 turkeys to Britain, and a car of live hogs, also abot 10,000 pounds of dressed pork to Toronto by Messrs. Laird. Messrs. Armstrong & Co. shipped a car load of cattle to Toronto.

THE sugar beet is receiving attention in New Brunswick. Mr. J. C. Newman, of Derby, will experiment by planting three quarters of an acre; Mr. James Mills, of Cardwell, one acre, and other farmers in King's County will plant beets to help along the proposed factory.

THE total number of periodical publications in the United States, says an exchang, is 8,703, against 8,340 a year ago. There are thirteen more daily and 307 more weekly newspapers than in last January.

MR. G. W. VANWART, exchange broker and insurance agent, of Woodstock, New Brunswick, has written requesting us to state that he is not the Geo. W. Vanwart who was in the hardware business there and failed some weeks ago.

Money is so abundant about Princeton, Ont... that a number of people thereabout have been sending half a dollar each to a swindling Yankee in Massachusetts, who promised for that sum to forward a \$6.00 pictorial dictionary. The book he did send to his dupes was one which is usually sold in book-stores at 15 cents. The result of the experiment was black looks and bad language round the post office. Lotteries would have a good chance of patronage around Prince-