

ed)," with \$5,000 capital stock, in \$250 shares; and "The Excelsior Button Company," of Hamilton, with \$12,000 capital stock, in \$100 shares.

— The liabilities of Hon. James Skead, of Ottawa, as shown by the claims filed with the assignee, amount to 5622,488.69. There are preferential claims against the estate of \$57,842.68. The Quebec and Merchants' Banks hold security for their claims, the Quebec Bank on timber limits, and the Merchants' Banks hold a mortgage on the mill, and other security. A meeting of creditors is called for the 16th of June.

- George Black, a general merchant, of Mapleton, Manitoba, asks an extension. He and his brother removed from Montreal some years ago, and commenced business at Red River, where they were apparently doing well, but, though in a good part of the country, the prospective crossing of the railway line a couple of miles from their place of business has drawn away a portion of their trade, and Selkirk, (the crossing) has now more merchants than the business of the place warrants.

- According to the figures in the newspaper directory just issued by Messrs. S. M. Pettengill & Co., advertising agents, New York, there are published in the United States and Canada 8,615 newspapers and periodicals, of which 796 are dailies, 6,545 weekly, 872 monthly, the remainder being issued at various periods. In Canada there are 44 dailies, 22 tri-weeklies, 14 semi-weeklies, 360 weeklies, 41 monthlies, and 8 others-482 in all.

— The report just presented to the shareholders of the Great Western Railway of Canada for the six months ending on 31st January stows that the gross receipts amounted to \pounds 467,237, as compared with \pounds 401,628 for the same period the previous year, while the total working expenses were reduced from \pounds 313,715 to \pounds 295,274. During the same period of 1877 there was a deficit of £33,623, whilst this year a surplus of £49,628 is shown, making a gross improvement of £53,251 for the half year.

AND

Prices in favor of the Buyer.

INSPECTION INVITED.

Travelers now on the road,

- The gold mines of the Chaudière Valley appear to be very rich, and the miners are meeting with encouraging success. Two men exhibited at the Crown Lands Department in Quebec last week the result of their labor at the St. Onge Company's diggings for the space of a month-seven pounds of gold in nuggets, which is worth something over \$17 per ounce. During the last two months the receipts at the Grown Lands Department for gold licenses have been over \$100 per month.

- Of 54,750,128 bushels of grain received at the six principal Atlantic scaports the first four months of the year, New York received 24,952,-957 bushels, or 45.6 per cent; Baltimore, 11,647,-700 bushels, or 21.8 per cent; Philudelphia, 11,558,380 bushels, or 21.1 per cent; Boston, 4,972,552 bushels, or 9.1 per cent; Portland, 1,570,321 bushels, or 9.2 per cent, and Montreal, 45,208 bushels, or less than 0.1 per cent. The receipts at New Orleans were about the same as Boston.

- The New York *Herald* is stremmously advocating the repeal of so much of the navigation laws of the United States as prevents a foreign-built vessel receiving a register in that country. Unless this claim is repealed the people of the United States are not likely to derive much benefit from any war between England and Russia or any other power. We doubt whether public opinion in the United States Congress is sufficiently advanced to accept



"free trade in ships" even after the *Herald's* advocacy of it.

MONTREAL.

— The Dominion Line steamer Ontario, which arrived at Quebec on Monday last, had on board a number of immigrants, pioneers from. England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, for the Little Saskatchewan Colony in the North-West. If their report of the country is favourable, upwards of 600 are rendy to follow. They are in charge of Mr. C. J. Whellams, who states that there will be a large immigration to the Little Saskatchewan this season and next. The Ontario attempted to pass through the Straits of Belleisle, but was prevented by the ice.

- The rate of insurance on live stock from here to Liverpool has heretofore been 8 per cent. in winter and 6 per cent. in summer. Through the representations of Mr. Dyke, the Canadian Government Agent at Liverpool, the underwriters at Lloyds have been induced to reduce this to £3 per cent. against all risks, including mortality or washing overboard. This will amount to about \$7.50 each on horses of