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MESSRS. BILODEAU AND RENAUD have been appointed liquidators of the Compagnie Generale d'Importation at Montreal.

On the St. John River, last week was a busy one among the lumber drivers, indeed the last three weeks have been busy. According to the Fredericton Gleaner, which gives particulars of about 42,000,000 feet of logs cut on the Black, Green, Fish and Little Rivers and on the head waters, says that out of this quantity 32,000,000 feet will be got down, but that 6,000,000 feet are doubtful, and probably 4,000,000 feet will be hung up.

For a number of weeks the Canadian and Dominion Express Companies have been competing against one another in carrying goods cheap. This is stopped, and both agree to restore and stick to the old rates. The war affected Halifax chiefly on account of the rates for carrying bicycles. Wheels were carried from Toronto to Halifax for 50 cents, from Montreal for 40 cents, and from St. John for 25 cents. The restored rates are from \$1.65 to \$1.75 for each wheel.

The steamship "Empress of India," which arrived at Vancouver on the 19th, had 630 passengers, of whom 130 were saloon passengers, 13 intermediate and 487 steerage. The cargo was also large (2,200 tons), consisting chiefly of tea and silk. Many of the passengers were en route to the Diamond Jubilee, and these include naval and military officers and foreign personages.

It shows a proper spirit in John Taylor & Co., the soap and perfumery men in Toronto, that when they want a pretty picture for presentation to their customers, they engage a Canadian artist to make a design, and then get it reproduced on stone in Canada. The latest picture issued by this firm, entitled "After the Bath," does credit to both the designer, Mr. Kelly, and the Toronto Lithographing Co.

THE new Ministry of the Province of Quebec is composed as follows: Mr. F. G. Marchand, Premier and Treasurer; Mr. Horace Archambault, Attorney-General; Mr. H. T. Duffy, Commissioner of Public Works; Mr. S. N. Parent, Commissioner of Crown Lands; Mr. F. G. M. Dechene, Commissioner of Agriculture; Mr. A. Turgeon, Commissioner of Mines and Fisheries; Mr. J. E. Robidoux, Provincial Secretary; Messrs. Geo. W. Stephens, J. Shehyn, J. J. Guerin, Ministers without portfolio. One active Minister, it will be observed, is English-every other is French; and Mr. Bickerdike, whom every one would have liked to see a Minister, is left out. It looks as if the French power in that province is to be used with a strong hand.

A SPECIAL meeting of shareholders of the Laurentide Pulp Company was held recently in Montreal, Sir Wm. Van Horne in the chair. The object of the meeting was to ratify a bylaw increasing the capital of the company to \$900,000 by the issue of \$600,000 new stock. It is understood the company is erecting additional works at its mills at Grande Mere, on the St. Maurice River, and has acquired valuable timber limits in that vicinity. A change has recently been made in the management of the company, and the directors now are: President, Mr. R. B. Angus; vice-president, Sir W. C. Van Horne; General Russel A. Alger, secretary of war, Washington; Mr. A. Pagenstecker and Mr. Warren Curtis, New York; Mr. R. D. McGibbon, Q.C., Montreal; and Mr. John P. Riley, secretary, Grande Mere, Que.

The latest proposal of an American scientist, Dr. D. S. Jordan, is that the female seals of the Pribyloff Islands shall be "corralled" and branded by electric machine.

We have had this week another striking illustration of the backwardness of the present Canadian mail service. The New York steamer "Campania," bringing Canadian letters and papers of April 23rd, arrived on Saturday last. That is four days ago. The Canadian steamer, bringing the mails of even date, is not even reported yet from the north of Ireland.—Canadian Gazette, London.

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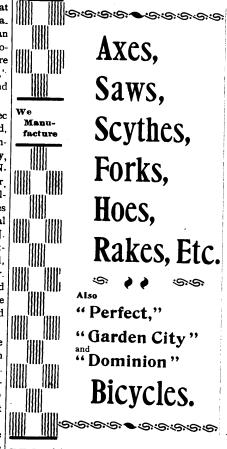
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