

AN Arichat, C. B., despatch says that American fishermen are ruining the Cape Breton mackerel catch, and that there is yet no sign of the Government cruisers.

The coal agents in Montreal are still determined to resist the demand of strikers for increased pay, and they decline to employ any stevedore that concedes to the demands of the strikers on any coal steamers.

A DEMAND of assignment has been made on C. A. Bernard, manufacturers' agent, Montreal, and also on Charles Chatdeleine, of St. Francois du Lac; the liabilities of the latter are \$2,900.

THE Temiscouata Railway Company is endeavoring to sell in London £140,000 guaranteed 5 per cent sterling first mortgage bonds of that company at £98 per cent., including six months interest to 1st September next.

THE Moncton Transcript says the sugar refinery and cotton factory there are to be sold to a syndicate, and that Mr. O. L. Spencer, of Toronto, is visiting West Moncton and Halifax in the interest of the sugar refinery syndicate.

WHEAT continues at 95 cents per bushel at Portage la Prairie; oats, 45 and 47 cents; barley, 41c.; eggs are rising to 15c. per dozen. Hay has gone up to \$22.50 per ton in Winnipeg. Beef, 4½ to 5 cents live weight.

The June report of the State Department of Agriculture in South Carolina, shows that with few exceptions, perfect stands of cotton exist throughout the State. The plant is healthy, vigorous, and well advanced. The average condition is 103 against 78 last year. The increase in acreage is four per cent.

It is stated, says the Free Press, that Mr. Dick, Inspector of Mines, has laid information against the owners and managers of the Union Collieries at Comox, for employing Chinamen underground in the various capacities, contrary to the law recently passed in the Provincial Legislature of B.C.

IN support of the statement that the season in the lumber trade is very quiet this year, and promises to remain so, the Ottawa Journal quotes Mr. E. H. Bronson as saying that "The contracts for the season's cut made this year are not nearly as heavy as usual, nor up to last year. The output at the mills will not be as heavy either. Neither Perley's, Pearce's, nor ourselves will run the June night gangs, or work as late in the season. Taking it altogether, the cut will be some seventy millions less than last year."

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MESSRS. PICKFORD & BLACK, Halifax agents of the steamer "Harlaw," received a telegram last week from the captain stating that the Customs authorities refused to allow him to land his cargo at St. Johns. The reason given was that the people refused to pay any customs duties on goods coming into the country.

Mr. N. F. SNIDER, manager of the Bell Telephone Company, has placed a small electric motor in the Portage Milling Company's engine room, to be run by the Corliss engine there. This machine will supply a strong current of electricity to the head office of the telephone system to be used for the purpose of calling up the users of telephones.

In its new form the *Canada Lumberman* is an attractive monthly, containing matter, original and selected, of interest to the trade. Moreover, its typographical dress is unusually tasteful. We commend Mr. Mortimer's enterprise in publishing in full what we have only space to give in part, a draft of the proposed rules for lumber inspection at Toronto.

THE following assignments have been made in the Province of Quebec since last issue:—Henderson Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of confectionery, Montreal, liabilities, \$10,000; Vital Cote, hotel, Somerset, and Pronovost & Roy, general store, St. Felicien, liabilities small; Hebert & Co., sawmill, St. Martine, liabilities \$22,000; Elzear Laverdiere, small trader, St. Pierre, Riviere du Sud.

In 1886, W. M. Cushing, general storekeeper at Elkhorn, who had been assisted by his mother, it is said, to the extent of \$5,000, was hard pressed for payment by creditors. In order to afford him relief the mother assigned her claim to a large local creditor, who now insists that his account shall be paid. Unless some arrangement is made he will probably assign.

ADVICES of Monday last from Winnipeg state, on the authority of the Customs officer at Gretna, that on one day last week seventeen families, having 77 head of cattle, herds of sheep, several horses, and household effects, reported from Dakota, and were passed into Canada as settlers. Scarcely a week passed but several families crossed from the domain of Uncle Sam to seek homes under the Union Jack, many going into the Dauphin district.

ALEX. CLINE and Jacob Hough have been circulating, or trying to circulate, counterfeit money, and a number of persons have been duped by these fellows. Cline offered to sell \$1,000 counterfeit notes on the banks of Com-

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merce and Toronto, and received from one Thomas Raper \$200 for which he promised to send the money by express to Thornbury. Should not Raper be sent for trial along with Cline?

A GENERAL dealer at Lachute, Que., named J. H. Lafond, asks his creditors to meet and consider his affairs. He has been at that place four years, and was formerly at St. Hermas. He owes \$6,600, and will probably make an offer of fifty cents in the dollar.—An assignment is made by Urgele Bougie, storekeeper, St. Oge.—Roy & Co., fruit dealers in a small way at Ottawa, have assigned.

ROBERT BRADY, who has been about four years keeping general store at Windermere, is craving the indulgence of creditors. Some two months ago he submitted a statement showing assets of \$6,750 and liabilities of an equal amount.—In Vancouver, Robertson Bros., dealers in tinware, etc., have been about four years in business, apparently without making money, and now they are considerably involved.—J. J. Cowderoy, grocer, in the same town is in difficulty and has assigned.

GREAT excitement prevails in the Cœur d'Alene mining district, says the B. C. Colonist, over recent gold strikes above Murray, in Bear Creek. Samples of ore from one of the claims assay \$25 to the ton. A tramp walked into the gulch with his blankets, discovered gold, and sold his claim out for \$20,000. It is added that prospectors are floating into the district in great numbers. We perceive by the London Money, of May 24th, that the properties of the

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