

The knitting factory at East Farnham, Que., employs at present seventy-five hands.

The stone work of the beet sugar factory at Farnham, Que. is being proceeded with.

The Dominion Parliament has been called together for the ninth of December next.

MR. GEO. E. SHAW, for years manager of the Ontario Bank at Peterboro, died suddenly during the night of 28th ult. sincerely regretted.

In January last, Edwin Roat, a Berlin harness maker, failed, since which time he has not succeeded well, and has now taken his departure where he will not be confronted by creditors.

We regret to hear of the death in France on Saturday last of Mr Peter Rintoul, long a prominent merchant of Glasgow, and well known to many in Canada.

A DESPATCH from Quebec states that Messrs. Allan Gilmour & Co., have sold the bright pine deals to be sawn at their mills next season. The prices are given at \$112 to 115 and \$40 free on board for 1st 2nd and 3rd qualities.

The British Board of Trade returns for the month of October, show a decrease of £4,881,000 in the value of the imports into the United Kingdom, as compared with October, 1879, and an increase of £987,000 in the value of exports over the like period.

The grocery firm of Titus & Dykeman of St. John, N.B., has been dissolved by the death of the latter. Mr. Titus, feeling unable to carry on the business alone, offers to pay the creditors one half of the firm's total indebtedness of \$9,000 within six months. The nominal assets of the firm are \$6,000.

WM. DRIFFIL, who did a small business in Hepworth Ont., has called a meeting of creditors which will be held in Owen Sound today. Nothing very definite is now known of his position.

A TILSONBURG dry goods man, W. W. Cowell, is in difficulty. He commenced business there in 1878, and never was known to have much capital. A Montreal firm that principally supplied the goods is endeavoring to ascertain his position.

A PLATTSVILLE tinsmith, John Nicol, sold his store and stock last week at auction. C. C. German of the same place, jeweller, has sold out and left the place.

THE 200 miles of telegraph wire ordered from England by Messrs. Horsman & Co., of Winnipeg, for the Manitoba Telegraph Company, has arrived at Halifax, and is being sent forward. It takes three cars to carry the wire.

THE Lake George, N.B., Antimony Mining and Smelting Co., if New Brunswick papers are correctly informed, have struck a vein of silver ore, the specimens shown being very rich. The mine, we are told, is employing from 25 to 50 persons, and has made two shipments of very good ore to Great Britain lately.

SHIPMENTS of coal from Pictou Nova Scotia, up to the 26th October from the opening of navigation, had reached 231,708 tons, of which the Halifax Co., despatched 86,202 tons, and

the Intercolonial, Acadia, and Vale Companies a little less than 50,000 tons each. The week following 6,552 tons were shipped, making the total 238,260 tons.

We continue to hear of severe losses of cattle on out-going steamships from Montreal, owing to heavy weather. Among the latest are the *Thames* which lost 53 head, the *Giorns* which lost 55 head, and the *Orchis* 94 head. The *Ayton* also, just reported as arrived at Bristol, had two thirds of the sheep and cattle she carried swept away.

THE steamship *Barcelona* which arrived at Montreal last week, brought the heaviest cargo of Mediterranean goods ever received at that port, being 1800 tons of fruit and wines. She carried some 50 tons of wine on deck, and had to leave more than a like amount at Cadiz for want of space. The consignees are Messrs. Gillespie, Moffatt & Co.

ABOUT the beginning of the present year, a boot and shoe dealer in St. Mary's, Mr. T. A. Sparling, went to Emerson, Man., taking with him his stock, which he valued at nearly \$15,000. Shortly after opening shop there, he started a branch store in the same place under the style of J. J. Johnston & Co. Neither of his stores being successful, he was unable to meet his payments, and an investigation is being made into the condition of his affairs.

A HOTEL keeper at Exeter, Mr. Jas. Oke, has endorsed for Blake, his special friend, to the extent of \$16,000. In addition to endorsing for his friend, he mortgaged his hotel as a collateral security. In return for many favors, Blake, before leaving, gave Oke a bill of sale for \$9,000 on his wharf property. This wharf will, under existing circumstances, be of little value. Consequently, Oke stands to lose everything.

THE Kingston News is urging the early completion of the railway from that city to Pembroke, which has running powers over the Canada Central to Lake Nipissing. It says: "As far as Chicago grain is concerned, we are nearer to Montreal by a long distance than Toronto is; and we have the lead of Brockville in possessing the natural depot for transshipment, and an organized system of appliances. Not the least of benefits accruing to Kingston would be the opening up of a mining district with the almost certain result of establishing smelting works and furnaces in this city."

A GODERICH deputation has been interviewing the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa. Some improvements had been made to the Commercial wharf in that town by the Government some years ago, on the understanding that the town should contribute \$10,000. Afterwards, the Government agreed to assume the work and charge tolls. It is contended now that the imposition of tolls operated to the injury of the harbour. And now that Government is nearly recouped for its outlay, it is desired that the town of Goderich be permitted to resume possession of the wharf and remove the obnoxious tolls.

MR. J. D. RONALD of Brussels, desires it to be made known that the statement made and re-

peated in a paragraph in our last issue that "he had not fully complied with the conditions of the bonus given by the Corporation of Brussels," is incorrect. He declares he has fully with all the conditions of the bonus to the letter. "It is quite true, he says, 'I have not done so extensive a business as either the people here or myself would like, hence dissatisfaction and discussions about getting a successor in my place. The statement which you copied and other injurious stories all emanate from the same animus and are false.'"

A HEART-BREAKING "dodge" adopted to get the better of the trustful grocery is thus described by the Owen Sound Advertiser:—A woman entered a grocery store here the other night with a coal oil can in her hand, and, after ordering a variety of groceries, handed the proprietor the can and told him to fill it while she stepped across the road a minute. The proprietor went to the barrel and commenced to pour in the oil, but stopped when he saw it running over the floor, upon turning up the can he made two discoveries, viz., that it had no bottom and that the woman had vanished with the groceries.

INTELLIGENCE reached us a week or two since of the death at Pembina, Dakota, of Mr. Joseph Woodley, formerly of Quebec. The deceased gentleman was the senior of the original firm of J. & J. Woodley, shoe manufacturers, Quebec. In the spring of 1877 they dissolved, Joseph going out and commencing alone. James took his son J. E. into partnership and continued under style of J. & J. Woodley. Joseph failed in 1878 and was for a time foreman for Messrs. J. H. Botterly & Co., who bought the estate.

A HAMILTON firm of wholesale grocers has sent us a specimen of a similarly insulting letter to the one which we referred to in September, as addressed to a hardware house here. One Hoover, of St. Williams, applied to the grocery house in question for credit. The firm replied politely that they did not wish to open new accounts, but would be willing to send goods on receipt of cash. To this the man replied, in terms that we cannot print, the expression was one fit only for the correspondence of blackguards, and rare, we hope, even amongst them. It is an intolerable thing that a merchant cannot use his free judgment as to his choice of customers, but he must be assailed with curses or obscenity under cover of an unsigned letter.

A WELL-KNOWN dealer in dry goods, etc., in Collingwood, Mr. James Lindsay, is again in difficulties. It would seem that his eighteen years' experience in that town has not been of much value. While his business was comparatively small he appeared to prosper, but as it expanded profits seem to have diminished. His liabilities have reached \$18,600, and his nominal assets about the same amount. These figures do not include his store, which is mortgaged for all it is considered worth. He now offers to make an assignment for the benefit of creditors generally, or he will agree to a compromise extending over one year. He does not wish to ask his friends for security, and is willing