

season 100 baskets of sweet potatoes, at the price of 50 cents for a 20-pound basket; that T.J. Lidwell took 600 bushels of ears of Yellow Dent maize off 4 acres of land; and that some of Mr. E. Robinson's Indian corn was 15 feet high. The only discouraging item is that which tells of mildew among the famous Catawba grapes. Thaddeus Smith lost 20 tons from this cause.

SPRINGHILL, N.S., proposed to be incorporated as a town, but objections were raised, and on the day set for polling the sheriff ordered a postponement. A new school building to cost \$9,000 is nearly finished and there is a likelihood of the electric light being adopted. Work at the collieries was brisk at the close of October, and much coal is being shipped by way of Parrsboro. A borehole six inches in diameter has been put down 600 feet, to one of the levels in the north slope, to be used for

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purposes of underground haulage. The engine and boiler will be placed on the surface, the cable passing down the hole, thus obviating the heat and moisture in the workings. The hole is cased with a special casing, and was bored by experienced Ontario men from the petroleum regions.

The failure list for Ontario during the past week has been lighter than for some months and is confined mostly to small traders. In Clavering, a general dealer named R. Parkinson has assigned. He was formerly a farmer, having no previous experience in mercantile affairs.—It is three years since H. Wallace commenced the grocery business at St. Thomas, and during that time he has not made any headway. He is reported to have absconded.—J. B. Glass, a London stationer, has failed.—Since their assignment last January, when they compromised at 35 cents in the dollar, Hogan Bros., confectioners and bakers at Tilsonburg, have had uphill work. Their second assignment is now announced.—G. W. Tickell came from Belleville to Toronto about a year ago, to engage in the furniture business. It has, evidently, not proved a profitable venture, for Mr. Tickell

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has found it necessary to consult his creditors, offering them 20 cents on the \$, payable in one and two months. He shows liabilities of \$10,000 and assets of half this sum, made up principally of stock.

A Halifax newspaper is being sued for libel by the members of a firm of victuallers recently burned out, and whom the newsman represented as about being arrested at the instance of the underwriters interested in the insurance of the burned buildings. Damages are laid at \$10,000 by each of the injured individuals.

IRON WORKS.—The Irondale Smelting works, adjacent to Port Townsend, on Puget Sound, in Washington Territory, now make on an average thirty-four tons of pig iron per day. This material commands the highest price in the San Francisco markets, and its quality is excellent. The furnace is now employing over two hundred men, and a steamer is kept busy continually plying between the British Columbian Island of Texada and Irondale, transporting the ore. Ore newly discovered on the lower Sound islands is being tested, and the furnaces may utilize it to a great extent in the near future.

—It is reported that the Freese silver mine at Mineral Vale, Albert County, N. B., has been sold to an English syndicate for something like \$150,000.

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