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TWO MORE cases of incendiarism have been tried and the parties found guilty. Judge Jenkler of Perth sentenced John Amander to seven years imprisonment in the Penitentiary for setting fire to James Mansville's barn. Wyness in the Wilson arson case pleaded guilty at his trial in Windsor, Ont., a few days ago.

AT a meeting of the Ottawa Board of Trade on Monday last the frauds of resin packers were discussed. It was stated that in some cases boxes were marked 28 lbs. when they actually contained only 18 lbs. or even less. It is hoped that some good will result by bringing the matter before the Dominion Board of Trade.

AT THE annual meeting of the Toronto Corn Exchange held on the 4th instant the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. James McCuaig, proposed by Mr. Chapman. Vice-President, Mr. D. Davidson. Secretary and Treasurer, George A. Chapman. Committee of Management—Messrs. J. D. Laidlaw, Geo. Muttelbury, James Neilson, K. Chisholm, W. R. Wadsworth, W. D. Matthews, R. J. Stark. Board of Arbitration—Messrs. Wm. Galbraith, J. G. Worts, Peleg Howland, James Young, D. Cowan, D. Laidlaw, and L. Coffee.

Mr. E. LAWSON, retail grocer, Toronto, gets a settlement at 75c., payable in two, four, six and eight months, without interest, unsecured; and 25c., payable in two years, secured by real estate, which is to be assigned to one of the creditors for the benefit of the estate. Malcolm Morrison, merchant, Lindsay, is offering to compound with his creditors at 30 cents.

ANOTHER attempt to organize a purely Canadian express enterprise is taking shape in Montreal. The objects are defined to be "to carry on a general express business throughout the Dominion, the United States and Europe."

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WHOLESALE

**G R O C E R S,
TORONTO.**

59, 61 and 63 Front St. East,

The gentlemen named as directors are all of the Province of Quebec. Mr. Goff, of Montreal, is President, and the Vice-President is Mr. Owen Murphy, Mayor of Quebec. The business manager is to be Mr. Sharpe, who has long been a city Expressman in Montreal. The capital is now a quarter million of dollars, but is to be increased to half a million. We wish the enterprise success.

IN 1870 there were in the four Provinces then constituting the Dominion, 991 vessels and 16,786 boats engaged in the fisheries. The manning of these gave employment to 37,498 men and the catch of that year in codfish was 682,000 quintals; in herring, 417,000 barrels; in white fish 23,000 barrels, and in oysters, 14,500 barrels. We take the figures from the census returns.

A "CENTRAL FAIR" at which prizes to the amount of seven thousand dollars will be offered is to be held in Kingston on October 5th, 6th and 7th. The proposed show in Montreal of products intended for the Philadelphia Exhibition has been abandoned.

ST. JOHN, N.B., is again suffering annoyance and apprehension from labour troubles. The wharf men and other labourers are demanding unusually high wages, and are incensed at the action of employers in resisting their demands. Mr. Scammell, a leading shipper who had been prominent in resisting the malcontents, was knocked down and dangerously injured some time ago, it is supposed by some of the rioters. The Board of Trade and Lumber Exchange have taken action in the matter and \$500 have been subscribed to find out and punish the miscreant who made the assault. The volunteers have been warned to be ready for service.

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1875. SPRING. 1875.

We have received and opened out

369 PACKAGES

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TORONTO.

In another place will be found a letter, over the signature "Allan Breck & Co." We do not know any such firm; but as the writer claims to be connected with a "Collection Bureau," we give space to what he has to say. It will be noticed that he denies nothing charged in our article of last week against these Agencies. He does not attempt to show that his undertaking has any effective machinery in operation for the collection of debts. He loses sight of this vital point; and we claim that it is comparatively lost sight of in all the schemes of this class with which we have yet become familiar. He does not, however, similarly forget the "fresh applications for certificates of membership, accompanied by the subscription fees," that are coming in.

It is understood that the creditors of Messrs. Donald Murray & Co. and Messrs Murray, Middlemiss & Co. have pretty generally accepted the obligations of Messrs. John McKillop & Co., their successors, in settlement of their claims. The time for payment is extended over two years; and, the ability to meet these obligations is said to rest on the hope of profits to be made in the meantime. If this is the state of facts, we confess that the prospect is not flattering. We are strongly of the opinion that any firm undertaking the business of a Commercial Agency amongst us should be possessed of ample means; it ought to be thoroughly responsible in a financial sense. Without this the temptation to do wrong is vastly increased, and these concerns are not by any means free from the temptations to wrongdoing. There is danger that, under the pressure of financial necessity, they may seek a present advantage, even though it involves an injustice to some one. Then without adequate capital