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— Canned beef, preserved in its natural juice, is now shipped in large quantities to New York and to Europe from the River Platte, South America.

— There were 6,445 tons of coal shipped at Pictou last week, being a total shipment so far this season from that port of 135,000 tons.

— E. Turgeon & Co., retail dry goods dealers, who suspended last Thursday, have liabilities estimated at about \$70,000, owing chiefly to prominent city houses, and among others to Alexander Walker, recently insolvent.

— Now is the time when the influential shepherd can prove his patriotism and do good without much travelling about, by advising the members of his flock who buy and sell not to follow the example of one or two heavy houses in settling at five shillings in the pound, and easing his conscience by praising Providence with a title of the other fifteen.

— The Paton woollen factory, Sherbrooke, has recommenced running, but only half the plant is employed; those employed are on full time, but at a reduction in wages of 20 per cent. The Canada Paper Company's mill, in the same place, which had been shut down for repairs for the last four months, has resumed operations.

— A young man, giving his name as John Quigley, has been imposing upon some of our city merchants by means of forged orders for goods, supposed to be signed by prominent clergymen of different denominations here, stating that he had lost his money and was respectably connected in Toronto. He succeeded in imposing upon Messrs. J. & R. O'Neill & Co. and on a retail clothier for small amounts, when he was arrested, examined and remanded.

— The pleasure of Mr. S. S. Campbell's sojourn at Old Orchard Beach was somewhat marred during the latter part of his stay. The circulation of Montreal papers even in that non-commercial resort, and the presence of a number

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of old acquaintances, induced a notoriety which was as unexpected as it was annoying. Matters were not mended by the arrival early last week of a warrant for his arrest, issued at the instance of a Boston creditor who claims \$230. Bail was procured, however, by the delinquent's counsel in Portland, and he immediately left the scene of his annoyances for another resort further south. Mr. Campbell returned to the city yesterday.

— Telesphore Plessis dit. Belaire is a retail dry goods dealer on St. Lawrence Main street. During the summer months his habits began to be somewhat affected by Canadian cholera, and his business suffering in consequence, he pleaded inability, through hard times, to meet his engagements. Messrs. James Johnston & Co., who are creditors to some extent, made application on Tuesday last to have him put into insolvency. About six months ago when he obtained an extension he showed a fair surplus, and if he would only attend to his business even from this forward, there is every reason to hope he might pull through.

— The sugar trade of Baltimore a few years ago exceeded that of Boston, but has fallen so that now it is only one-third in amount of that city. The United States are the great consumers of the hogshhead sugars from Cuba, taking this year 205,000 hogshheads out of 234,000 hogshheads from the ports of Havanna and Matanzas. Great Britain, Spain and France take the box sugars. The recent great rise in sugars is caused by the small exports from Cuba—sending to England in 1875, 387,000 packages; in 1876, 151,000; to France in 1875, 50,000; in 1876, 13,000; shipping to all countries, 790,000 boxes in 1875; in 1876, 561,000 boxes. The cities of Philadelphia and Baltimore have had to purchase a portion of their supplies this year in Boston and New York.

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— The Mellor case, to which we alluded some weeks ago, is proving more prolific than anticipated. Mrs. Mellor who cleverly opposed (?) having anything whatever to do with the swindling was allowed to take her departure to the other side unmolested a few days ago, but it is feared that a large amount of jewellery was taken by her at the time. The Misses Mellor who were detained at Prescott arrived in town on Monday and were brought before the police magistrate, but the case was postponed till Monday next, during which time a further search has taken place and so far has proved successful, inasmuch as goods to a considerable amount have been discovered secreted in the lining of one of the trunks. Previously a large amount was found concealed between the iron strips and woodwork of the trunks. In one instance a piece of soap which felt suspiciously heavy was cut open and found to contain a number of valuable diamonds. The soap no doubt had been melted around them thereby excluding all doubts of suspicion. The case for the creditors will not now be so hard, as thus far between \$35,000 and \$40,000 worth has been recovered, and we may yet hear of some further discoveries having been made. Mellor is said to be secreted in the woods on the other side, and is liable to arrest by the United States authorities at any time for attempting to defraud the revenue.

— Mr. Ritchie, of the Montreal Stock Board, Hospital street, yesterday afternoon sent his clerk, a boy of 16, to deposit \$4,000 in cheques, in one of the banks, but forgetting to mark them "for deposit only," the consequence was the boy got two of these cheques cashed, one at the Consolidated Bank for \$2,200 and one at the Metropolitan Bank for \$1,250, and went back to the office as if nothing had occurred. A few moments after, Mr. Ritchie suspecting all was not right, and accompanied by the