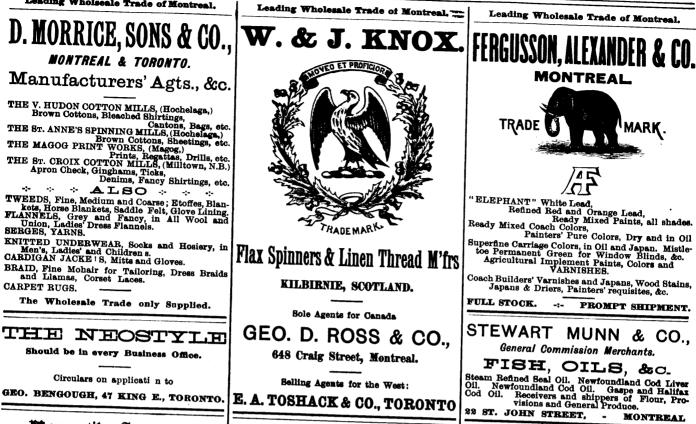
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A KOUCHIBOUGUAC man caught nearly three tons of smelts in one day just before Christmas.

It is not often, says the Deloraine Times, that as big a pack of beaver is brought into Deloraine as was the case recently, when T Ewen brought in eighteen beaver skins, besides mink. etc.

The bounty of 25 cents each placed upon skunks by the Kentville, N. S., Council last year has resulted in 397 snouts of these odoriferous animals being presented to the proper official.

ABOUT one thousand beef animals and a large number of sheep and hogs have been shipped from Pilot Mound, Man., this season ays the Sentinel. The amount realized by the sales has been upwards of \$50,000.

A PICTURE dealer at Lancaster, Pa., tried to get a license to sell goods by auction, but a local law prevented him. He therefore had his clerk issue an execution against him for \$1,000, and now the sheriff will sell his goods by auction.

Wz are told that the recent fire which occurred in the premises of Messrs. Richard Tew & Co., Front street, Toronto, in no way interferes with the firm's business, and that goods are being promptly shipped as before the mishap.

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THE last issue of the Manitoba Gazette contains notice of application for incorporation of the British and Canadian Insurance Association, with a capital stock of \$250,000. Fire, lightning, hail, and damage from storms, etc., are the lines to be taken by this company.

A COMPANY of New York capitalits, associated with whom is Mr. Howard D. Troop, of St. John, N.B., has been formed to run a weekly line of steamers between New York and St. John. The first boat will commence running about March. This will give St. John two lines to New York.

WE learn from the Baltimore Sun that Mr. Henry C. Kirk. junr., will be admitted to a partnership in the firm of Samuel Kirk & Son, jewellers in that city. He will be the third generation to be connected with the firm, which was founded in 1817 by Samuel Kirk. Messrs. Samuel Kirk, jr., and Henry C. Kirk were admitted in 1846.

THE value of Canadian exports from the port of St. John, N.B., for December last reached a total of \$163,632, as compared with **\$**93,435 for the same month in 1888. The principal items were :--- The mine, \$6,318; the fisheries, \$10,241; the forest, \$103,873; animals and their produce, \$22,530; agricultural products, \$3,709; manufactures, \$12,689; miscellaneous articles, \$4,272.

FROM the grandiloquent Grand Forks Herald :-- " Four carloads of flour shipped to-

day from the Grand Forks roller mills to London, England. The attention of her most gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria, is directed to this brieflet."

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THOMAS A. WALKER, who died in London recently, aged sixty years, was one of the best known English railroad contractors. He was for a number of years connected with Mr. Brassey, the great contractor, as an engineer, and in that capacity built part of the Grand Trunk Railroad and the Nova Scotia Railroad, and was engaged on several Russian roads.

Following close upon the dry goods failures in Quebec city reported last week come two more of considerable importance. J. E. Caron & Co. were the first to assign. Mr. Caron was formerly of the firm of A. P. Caron & Frere, who failed only as recently as February, 1888, with liabilities of \$23,000, on which he arranged to pay 55 cents on the dollar, and to continue alone. His present indebtedness is not yet known. The second failure is that of L. A. Bergevin, who did a considerable dry goods and clothing business in Lower Town, a good deal with country customers. Five or six years ago he succeeded his uncle, Chas. Bergevin, who is a very large creditor. Liabilities are estimated at \$35,000 to \$40,000.

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