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cient in quantity but, according to the *Bulletin des Halles*, the quality is inferior as well, the new crop in several departments selling for three to four francs per quintal less than the old.

— The Western Counties Railway is now open for traffic between Yarmouth and Halifax, and is doing a good business in taking passengers to and from the Exhibition at the latter port.

— Frazer, Grant & Pitblado, the Nova Scotia contractors for section B of the Pacific Railway, received, according to newspaper report, \$50,000 to withdraw in favor of the present contractors.

— Fish, Shepherd & Co., insolvents, of this city, have sold their stock of dry goods, in bulk, to Alexander Walker & Co., the old established house on McGill street. The price paid is authoritatively stated to be over \$50,000.

— At a meeting of the creditors of Cushing & Clark, Salisbury, N.B., on Tuesday last, an assignee and three inspectors of the estate of the insolvents were appointed. The liabilities were stated to amount in round figures to \$53,000, and assets, \$30,000.

— The proposal to establish a Board of Trade at Brantford has progressed to the stage of a definite undertaking, and at a recent meeting of interested parties a committee was appointed with instructions to make arrangements for starting the association.

— In the case of the Bank of Montreal, against the five ex-directors of the City Passenger Railway, for the recovery of \$114,136, in consequence of alleged maladministration, Justice Rainville, last week, dismissed the demurrer filed separately by the defendants, and the action will now proceed on its merits.

— A cheese factory has been started in the town of St. Joseph, Beauce County, Quebec.

— The Montreal Weaving Company was attached on Friday last, at the instance of a creditor in the sum of \$7,218.35.

— The receipts of the Toronto Exhibition, including sundry donations, were about \$57,000.

— The new surveys of the Rocky Mountain passes for the Canada Pacific Railway are reported progressing favorably.

— Spontaneous combustion is smartly defined in insurance circles as the "result of an intense willingness that the risk should burn."

— Granite wharf, Halifax, N.S., near the depot, has been purchased by an English company, for the purpose of shipping grain.

— The pioneer shipment of cattle from this port to Belgium was made on Tuesday last per S.S. *Harnworth*.

— On Saturday last 256 hogsheds of sugar were shipped from Halifax for this city by the Intercolonial Railway.

— A revenue officer has just seized at Point Claire an illicit still, with all the utensils of a distillery, on premises understood to belong to Mr. Allard, grocer, of this city.

— A deficit in the accounts of William Inman, bookkeeper for Elliott & Sheard, lumbermen, of Almonte, Ont., has appeared, since when he has not.

— The floating stock insured in the St. John Mutual Company numbers 748 vessels, aggregating 31,516 tons burthen and valued at £236,870.

— The Town Council of Farnham, Quebec, has voted a bonus of \$25,000 to a cotton factory under certain conditions, one of which is that 300 hands shall be constantly employed.

— Private advices from Welland, Ont., state that "business is looking up a little just now, and will, no doubt, remain so until after the holidays."

— James G. Reilly, boots and shoes, of St.

Catharines, who has a branch store at Welland, closed for a time pending settlement with creditors, has resumed business.

— It is reported that, owing to the prevalence of the foot and mouth disease amongst sheep recently landed in England, the Privy Council is about to issue an order placing American sheep in the same category with cattle.

— The valuation of dutiable goods imported into Canada during August was \$4,820,311, upon which the amount of duty collected was \$1,276,311, equal to an average rate of about 26½ per cent.

— According to an English cablegram notice has been given to the employees of ship builders in the Tees district of a reduction of wages, from five to fifteen per cent, according to the class of work, to take effect on the 18th inst.

— The new twinscrew steam launch for H. M. dockyard, at Halifax, N.S., arrived at that port on the 27th inst., in the steamer "Liberian." The boat is said to be destined for torpedo service.

— From the report that capitalists of this city are projecting a second sugar refinery to be started in Halifax, N.S., we judge that the three black crows are indulging freely in succharine diet.

— The new Board of Directors of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway, elected on the 24th ult., is making active effort to obtain provincial and municipal aid with a view to changing the gauge of the road.

— At a public meeting held in Shelburne, N.S., last week, \$3,000 stock subscriptions were secured towards the building of a dry dock at that port. The total amount required is estimated at \$7,000.

— The accounts of the town clerk and treasurer of Brockville, Mr. Taylor, are found to be short some \$2,200, and the delinquent is said to have disappeared. The Canada Guarantee Company are bondsmen in the sum of \$5,000.

— Not only is the wheat crop in France defi-