

Company. The sudden departure, some weeks ago, from this city of Mr. Lewis Auldjo, for several years cashier of the Hudson's Bay Company, to which we have already indirectly referred, has caused some sensation in commercial circles this week. The cause of his disappearance is alleged defalcations, systematically carried on for six or seven years, and amounting to a total sum of \$7,800. Extravagant living seems to have been his motive, as Mr. Auldjo moved in some of the best society in the city, and the money is said to have all been spent on his family in sustaining a position not warranted by his legitimate income. In an unguarded hour he gave his bon in the name of the Company for \$50 to a prominent Montreal merchant, and not forwarding the cheque for the amount, as agreed, he was detected by the manager of the Company, to whom the bon was presented f.r payment. This led to an investigation of the books, when it was discovered that for years Auldjo had been manipulating accounts, and pocketing balances. An order was received from the head office to prosecute, but the defaulter, having been dismissed, reached Plattsburg, N.Y., before the despatch was received here. His wife, three daughters, and a son, were left in absolute penury; some members of the family have joined Auldjo in Plattsburg.

THE CONTRACTS for additional rolling stock for the Intercolonial Railway have been awarded as follows:-For seven locomotives, George Fleming & Son, St. John, N. B.; for the seventyThe Stock of OSTRICH AND VULTURE PLUMES for the spring season, will be thoroughly assorted in all its departments, on or about March, 8th. All letter orders, will receive personal attention and quick shipments.

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five coal cars, Mr. Crossen, Cobourg; and for the fifty flat and box cars, Mr. Harris, of St. John. Some five American tenders were among those received by the Department of Railways and Uanals for the locomotives, but the Canadian tenders were much lower, that of the successful firm being about \$10,000 for each engine and tender.

The North-West Navigation Company, composed of Winnipeg, Montreal and Dundee capitalists, with a capital of \$250,000, has been incorporated, for the purpose of carrying on the forwarding and trading business on the Red, Assiniboine and Saskatchewan Rivers and their branches, and on the Lakes Manitoba, Winnipegosis and Winnipeg, and the navigable rivers and lakes communicating with them.

The shareholders of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. have under consideration amalgamation with the Canada Central Railway Company; and for the discussion of this proposition, also to determine upon the construction of such branches from the main line as ROBIN & SADLER, (Successors to Barry, Smith & Co.,) MANUFACTURENS OF FIRE ENGINE HOSE, LACE LEATHER, ROLLED SKINT-ING and DRESSED SHOULD RS. 594, 596 and 598 ST. JOSEPH STREET, Montreal.

shall be deemed necessary, and of a bridge over the River Ste. Marie at the Sault Ste. Marie, a telegraph line, etc., a meeting of the Company will be held next month.

MR. JOSEPH PERRAULT of this city, who has lately returned from France, is possessed of a gigantic colonization scheme, for which purpose he wants 900 square miles of choice lands in the North-west, in the midst of which he intends to found a city, which shall be to the French settlers like what Paris is to the population of France. He has also on hand a scheme for regular steam communication between Havre and Montreal, or some other port in Gauada, for which subsidies are required. In his recent visit to Ottawa Mr. Perrault was unfortunate in not seeing the head of the Government, who has been alling for some time, exhausted probably from his recent severe sessional labors.

A MEETING of the creditors of Rumsey, Johnston & Co., wholesale produce merchants, etc.,