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A YEAR ago box-wood found a ready market in the United States at \$100 a ton. Now the market is dull at \$20. The bursting up of the skating-rink bubble did the business.

IN Winnipeg grapes sell for 25 to 40 cents a pound, water melons 60 to 75 cents each; peaches, \$3.50 a box; plums, \$3 a box; bananas, \$5 a bunch; and apples, \$5 a barrel.

EXPANDING one's business is all right, but the injunction of the apostle about moderation is to be kept in mind. Blessed is the man who knows enough to go slow! Bankrupts are generally fast travellers.

THE Lindsay Post says that an experienced man, Mr. J. McGinley of Lindsay, has been awarded the contract for the construction of the waterworks at Uxbridge, the price to be \$1,800. Is not this a misprint for \$18,000?

AT Cannes, in France, one distillery alone uses in a season in the making of perfumes 140,000 pounds of orange flowers, the same of rose leaves, 20,000 pounds of acacia blooms, 32,000 pounds of jasmine flowers, 20,000 of tuberose and an unmeasured amount of Parma violets.

LETTERS and papers mailed in Manchester, Eng., on the 26th ult., for Victoria via Montreal and the C. P. R., reached their destination on Friday evening 13th, while matter mailed same day and time by way of New York and the Sound did not arrive till Saturday afternoon. Liverpool letters of the 2nd inst. were assorted and delivered on the 15th. Quick work.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Essex Centre Manufacturing Company was held last week. The decision of the stockholders, after fully discussing the matter, was to voluntarily wind up the business as a company, and in the interests of the stockholders an inspector and liquidator were appointed. This, says the *Liberal*, is a voluntary proceeding on the part of the company, being perfectly solvent. The business, for a time, will go on without intermission till it can be wound up without loss to the stockholders. It is believed that after all liabilities are paid the stockholders will suffer very little if any loss.

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MONTREAL.**Mercantile Summary.**

WORD has been received that the steamship "Aberdeen," from Hankow, for London, with a cargo of four and a half million pounds of tea, has been foundered in the China sea.

ACCORDING to the *Herald* a "leading commercial traveller" stated to a Halifax business man recently that Halifax presents to-day a more active business look than any city in Canada east of Montreal.

A PURCHASE of this season's Manitoba wheat was made in Winnipeg last week. It was an excellent sample of No. 1 hard and is said by the *Free Press* to be the earliest date at which new wheat has been marketed in Winnipeg.

THE steamer "Ulunda" sailed from Halifax for London on the 18th. Her cargo was valued \$114,000 and consisted of 17,819 cases of lobsters, 13,905 bushels of peas, 7,267 bushels of wheat, 29 tons of coal and 510 tons miscellaneous packages.

THE president of the Postal Telegraph Co., Mr. Albert B. Chandler, of New York, and the general manager of the Mackay-Bennett Commercial Cable Co., Mr. George C. Ward, spent some days last week in Montreal on business connected with the extension to Canada of the system of telegraphy now being organized in the United States in opposition to the Western Union.

DURING the last few months, says the *Winnipeg Free Press*, a new industry that promises to grow to large proportions has sprung up—that of shipping hogs to eastern points. The other day nine cars, seven for Toronto and two for Ingersoll, left the city. The hogs which are gathered up from farmers all over the province command good prices in the eastern market.

AT Fenelon Falls, Mr. C. W. Moore is retiring from the general business. Mr. J. A. Pritchard has removed his dry goods stock to larger premises opposite the post-office. Mr. Burt Wills, who, says the *Post*, bought the bankrupt stock of Johnston & Geach, have removed it to the store formerly occupied by Bertram & Co. Mr. Johnston has re-opened in his old stand with a fresh stock of groceries.