

SEVERAL large cargoes of West Indian, Brazilian and beet root sugars have been landed at Halifax during the past week, the greater part being for the Halifax and Moncton refineries, the remainder is on Montreal account.

A SCHOONER load of oats for Barbadoes; two cargoes, a brig and a bark, for Bristol Channel; a bark load for the West Indies, are among the recent clearances from Summerside and Port Hill, P. E. I. Eight schooner loads are reported for United States ports.

THE creditors of the Joseph Hall Company, Oshawa, held a meeting at the Rossin House on Tuesday last. The meeting was called to receive the report of the assignee, which proved satisfactory. It was decided to call for tenders to purchase assets and property.

MERCHANDISE to the value of \$68,414.64 was exported to the United States from Hamilton during the month of November, 1886, as shown by the records of the U. S. Consulate at that port. The shipments consisted mainly of horses and cattle, skins, barley and vegetables.

We learn that a consignment has been received in this city by Mr. James Lobb, of Russia sheet iron, direct from St. Petersburg. The sheets were produced, it appears, at Nijni Novgorod, an interior town of Russia which the play of "Michael Strogoff" has made familiar.

SHIPMENTS of lumber from the port of Dalhousie, N. B., during the past season, were: 18,615,329 s. f. deals, scantling and boards, 551 tons birch timber, 83 tons pine timber, 550 tons spruce timber, with ash, maple, staves and laths. These were shipped in forty-two vessels whose tonnage was 21,947 tons.

THE plans and profile of the Stewiacke Valley and Lansdowne Railway company, limited, are nearly ready, and in a few days will be prepared to submit the same to the Dominion and local governments for approval. Part of the ten per cent call is being deposited already, and the directors are in great hopes the balance will be forthcoming.

At a meeting of the creditors of Charlesworth & Co., boots and shoes, held in this city on Wednesday, Messrs. Watson, Alexander, Wickett, Parsons, and Clark, were appointed to act as inspectors. Another meeting is to be held to-day, when it will be decided whether tenders should be asked for the estate *en bloc*, or they will consider any offer which might then be made.

FAILURES in Quebec since last reporting are as follows:—R. Coughlin, boots and shoes, Bryson, assignment.—C. Mongeon, dry goods, Sorel, has abandoned his estate for the general benefit. At Montreal, E. Morin and T. Coderre, both druggists, have failed and assigned. We also learn that Thomas Ouellette, general store, Isle Verte, already noted as failed, is offering creditors 40 cents in the dollar.

A GENERAL meeting of shareholders in the Standard Woollen Mills Company of Toronto was held on Saturday 27th ult., when the following were elected directors: Thos. Hook, R. Millichamp, Albert Ogden, of Toronto, Jno. F. Morley, Waterloo, Ont., Edward Leadley, Toronto. Mr. Leadley was chosen president. The product of the mills now consists of blankets, shirts and drawers and yarns. This factory employs nearly 200 hands.

THE people of Glenwood, N.S., are building, says the Yarmouth Times, a dyke from the head of Robert's Island to the lower end of Eelbrook, thereby reclaiming the whole of the inlet known as Goose Bay. The work is of sufficient width to give a waggon road on its

summit, making a short cut from Robert's Island to Eelbrook. The dyke land is expected to come in in about three or four years and yield between 300 and 400 acres of meadow.

On this day week, the whole Atlantic coast of the Maritime provinces was swept by a violent storm. A schooner was wrecked at Barrington, one went ashore at Digby, another at Tor Bay. The schooner "Ripple" was wrecked, without insurance, at Arichat. Two schooners went ashore in the Gut of Canso, another in the little Bras d'Or. Wires were blown down and vessels beached at Charlottetown. Three vessels went ashore in St. John Bay.

MONTREALERS are already making preparations for the Winter Carnival. The committee of management is holding regular meetings and subscriptions are coming in. Among those who have subscribed to the Winter Carnival Fund are:—S. Carsley, \$250; R. J. Tooke, \$100; H. Morgan & Co., \$100; Liggett & Hamilton, \$100; John Murphy & Co., \$100; Dawes & Co., \$100; Hugh Graham, \$100; Gault Bros. & Co., \$100; W. Notman & Son, \$100. Some \$3,200 is already subscribed.

HALIFAX and St. John were favored last week by sessions of the Railway Commission. The general tenor of the evidence was favorable to a permanent Railway Commission to settle matters of freight, delays, losses in transit, &c. Complaints were made of excessive charges on the Windsor & Annapolis Railway. One Halifax shipper gave in evidence that he has sent 50,000 bushels of grain per month through the Halifax elevator and that there is now 200,000 bushels in the elevator awaiting tonnage.

THE Cumberland Coal and Railway Company is a stirring and growing concern. There are 1,100 men on the pay-roll at the collieries and 75 on the railway. During the past two years the company have been opening up a new six feet seam of coal to the south of their present collieries. The slope has been sunk to a depth of 1,600 feet, at a pitch of 14 degrees. About fifty men are employed preparing for a more extensive development at the beginning of January, when 200 tons of coal will be raised and shipped daily. Already this season 160 vessels of all kinds have loaded, and 34,500,000 feet of deals shipped to West Bay and Parrsboro.

A FIRE took place in the premises of Joseph Thompson, general storekeeper, Carberry, Man., last month, and as a consequence of his loss thereby he is now offering creditors 50 per cent. of their claims, without security. His liabilities are \$16,000, assets \$4,000 less. Local creditors appear willing to grant his desire. —After an experience of about six months in business, Miss K. Hyder, milliner, Winnipeg, has assigned. She owes about \$2,000 and has assets \$700 less. Under existing circumstances the business will probably be wound up. —J. T. Porter, a liquor dealer in Victoria, B. C., finds his store closed under power of a chattel mortgage. His stock is offered for sale by tender.

THE custom of marking remembrance of friends at Christmas by sending illuminated cards to them is one befitting the season of good-will. Additional pleasure attaches to it when the cards sent are tasteful and appropriate, words which cannot be used with respect to many of the glaring pictures made and sold for such purpose. The cards of Hildesheimer & Faulkner, for which the Toronto News Co. are agents, are well-known for their general neatness of design and delicacy of execution.

Such gems as Robert Faulkner's re-productions from naive photographs of children, Fred. Hines' landscapes, Drummond's Turner-esque sea-pieces and the groups of Miss Dealy and Miss Alice Havers, are fair specimens of the whole line, which is an attractive one.

IN May last, the Toronto Steel Wire Mat Co., W. J. Ramsay, proprietor, removed to larger quarters, with increased machinery and facilities, on Wellington Street, this city, where they employ some 80 hands, and cannot overtake their orders. These Bessemer steel woven wire mats will not easily wear out; they require no shaking, as they clean themselves; they do not fill with dust and dirt and can be left out doors without injury from rain or exposure, being galvanized and japanned in all parts. They are sold, it is said, in all the English-speaking markets of the world, from Ceylon to New Zealand, are adapted for churches, schools, hotels, offices, stores, dwellings, railways, street cars, steamboats. All of the principal banks, schools and churches in Toronto use these celebrated mats.

We learn from the Moncton Times that a special general meeting of the stockholders of the Moncton Brass and Iron Manufacturing Co. was held last week. Statements submitted showed collections on stock amounting to about \$23,000; good notes on hand, \$7,000; and about \$5,000 more collectable. All this is now in the hands of liquidators. The purchase money is \$45,000, and it would be required to raise about \$15,000. After considerable debate a resolution moved by F. W. Summer and seconded by E. C. Cole was passed empowering the directors to raise that amount by way of mortgage and to give a trust deed to any parties willing to go upon the mortgage bond, the company to have power to pay off the amount at any time within four months. An amendment was moved by H. T. Stevens, asking the liquidators to postpone time for completion of purchase, but it was lost. The directors appointed were J. L. Black, M.P.P., Sackville; Cyrus Eaton, ex-mayor of Truro, and Ed. McSweeney, F. W. Sumner, E. C. Cole, W. J. Robinson and Joshua Peters of Moncton.

CHAS. POILE, jeweller, Chatham, is offering to compromise with his creditors, but thus far has not been able to arrange it. He may, therefore, be compelled to assign. His debts amount to \$1,300 and he values his stock at a similar sum.—The creditors of a Hamilton manufacturer of boots and shoes, Wm. Silver, met in this city on Tuesday and arranged to compromise liabilities of about \$18,000 at 45 per cent.—The sheriff was in possession of the effects of Hiram Lumley, general storekeeper, Wardsville, for some time, and Lumley has since assigned. His stock was for a time hidden in obscurity, but now the light from an auctioneer's room may shine upon it.—Mrs. E. S. Warne, a dealer in fancy goods in Brampton, has had a hard struggle for some time. About two years ago she gave accommodation paper to a large firm in this city, since failed, and now it is scarcely surprising to hear that her stock is under seizure on a chattel mortgage, favor of W. J. Gage & Co. and advertised for sale.—A tailor on a small scale in Dutton, John C. Hertel by name, has assigned. His liabilities will be small.—Jesse Hakin, a shoe dealer at Hensall, who had gone into business on his own account a year ago, is in trouble, and has assigned.—Another shoe dealer, Wm. Ballard, of Parkdale, is in trouble and has made an assignment.—Miss Dalton, milliner in this city, is offering to compromise. Poor health for some time is assigned as the cause of trouble. She claims