

thirteen waggons besides several buggies and other vehicles, to Manitoba. Mr. F. Merner, of New Hamburg, is making a new style of waggon for the prairie country. It is very much lighter than the waggon now in use here, and has wider tires, and the firm of Meinkle & Stroh, of Berlin, have a large order for the stones for "a peculiar kind of grinding or threshing mill which the Russian Mennonites are getting in place of the ordinary threshing machines.

MR. LOUIS SHICKLUNA, the well known ship-builder of St Catharines, died on the morning of the 24th instant. The deceased gentleman had been known as a shipbuilder for thirty years: and many of his models, whether of steam or sail craft, had worthily upheld the reputation of Canadian vessels on the lakes, and some of them on the ocean. He was we believe a Scandinavian by descent, tho' born in Malta, and possessed very marked traits of character.

THE managers of the Pennsylvania coal mines appear of late to have been operating entirely in the interest of the owners. When too much coal was being produced they would order the workmen to suspend for a few days so as to keep up the demand. This course has been very annoying to the miners who claim that they have a right to some share in the general prosperity in the coal trade. To-morrow they are to have a meeting at Pittston to consider what action they had better adopt in their own interest. The managers, apparently with a view of conciliating their grievances, have decided that on Monday next work will be resumed on full time.

THE Toronto aldermen who lately paid a visit to Detroit on the block pavement errand, visited the House of Correction, which has about 500 inmates, and is under the effective charge of Capt. Joseph Nicholson, years ago a resident of Toronto. The prisoners are all employed at making chairs and bedsteads. They turn out 5,200 chairs daily. The total production last year was 212,852 chairs, 6,167 bedsteads, and 1,085 cradles. The prison prices are put five to ten per cent, higher than those of the trade, but the goods find ready sale. The institution is more than self-supporting, having actually turned \$9,000 above expenses into the city treasury last year. The gentlemen tell us that their trip cannot fail ultimately to be of great advantage to this city. They have learned what cedar pavements are like, and we shall expect shortly to see what can be done to improve our wretched streets.

A FIRM of retail dealers in Alliston, Messrs. Donnell & Griffin, write us giving the result of two years business on the cash, and short credit system. They say that they have found it to work satisfactory. "With a few large farmers and others we do a monthly business, that is they pay once a month, and occasionally we give them 60 days, and very rarely 90 days. We positively refuse any longer periods of credit. Some take offense, but are not aware of any whom we have refused not coming back. We find our customers on the whole quite satisfied with our method, and

our collections are in all cases satisfactory. We might add that nearly all the business of the village is done on cash principle—Our business last season was better than the previous season. Both members of the firm were accustomed to the long winded credit system, but resolved on starting for ourselves to do either cash or no trade. We get a fair profit, and our stock-takings show a result quite satisfactory to us."

AN annoying typographical error made us say last week that the resisted losses of the Royal Insurance Company in 1879 in Canada, were \$313,613; the correct amount is \$13,613. Of the \$6,220 losses resisted, we are told that \$3,170 belongs to 1878 business, and \$2,600 has not been sued for, which reduced the really resisted losses to a very trifling sum.

—The study of the art of manufacture is one that should commend itself to the serious consideration of our Canadian youth, now that all kinds of industry will naturally spring up under the vigorous impulse of the policy of protection inaugurated among us. Less Greek and Latin, but more industrial and practical education, such is the programme to follow by those wishing to reap benefit of their knowledge.—*Le Courrier de Montreal.*

COFFEE.—The total coffee crop of the world for 1855 was 330,165,000 kilos; for 1865, 421,950,000 kilos, and the average of the three years 1876-7-8 was 490,840,000 kilos. In the British Indies and Ceylon the crop has nearly doubled. The total for Asiatic countries is in about the average ratio for the whole world. Brazil falls somewhat below the average ratio of progress; and the same is true of the West Indies; while the most notable increase is in the case of Central America, where the crop has risen from 3,500,000 kilos in 1855 to 32,500,000 in 1876-8. In the South American countries other than Brazil the production has risen from 22,300,000 kilos to 35,900,000, which also is above the average.

Mark Twain's latest publication, "A Tramp Abroad," a book replete with the characteristic humor of that author, ends with an extract he has made from a German comic journal. A commercial traveller is about to unroll his samples:—

Merchant.—(pettishly) "No, don't; I don't want to buy anything."

Drummer.—"If you please, I was going to show you—"

Merchant.—"But I don't wish to see them!"

Drummer.—(after a pause, pleadingly) "But do you mind letting me look at them?—I haven't seen them for three weeks!"

A NICE DISTINCTION: *Housekeeper to Milkman*—"My friend, you put water in your milk."

"Oh, no, I do'nt, ma'am." "But I am sure you do." "Oh, no, ma'am." "Now, will you say solemnly that you do not put water in your milk?" "Well, ma'am, well, I must say that sometimes I put water in the can, and put milk in that, but I never put the water in the milk."—*Puck.*

During the last ten years 233 miles of street car rails have been laid in England and Wales, at a cost of nearly \$15,000,000, exclusive of the outlay on horses, engines and cars.

The cut of lumber on the Tobique river, N.B. is reported to exceed that of last year by 1,300,000 feet

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, April 28th, 1880.

Stocks.	Lowest Point in Week.	Highest Point in Week.	Total Transactions in Week.	Buyers.	Sellers.	Average Price, like Date, 1879.
Montreal	135½	139	944	136½	137½	142
Ontario	131	135	724	132½	133	137
Consolidated	80	81½	67	80½	81	88
Peoples	71	71	139	71	74	53½
Molson	82	82	2	82	85	78
Toronto	130	130	3	12	132	110½
Jac. Cartier	724	724	90	70½	72½	34
Merchants	93½	97	937	91½	96	82½
"	94	94	279	93	93½	79½
Commerce	219½	121	794	120½	121	104½
Union	119½	121	794	120½	121	104½
Hamilton	119½	121	794	120½	121	104½
Exchange	119½	121	794	120½	121	104½
Mon. Tel	9	97	1328	95	95½	105
Dom. Tel	65	65	75	64½	65½	65
Rich. & O. Nav.	42½	43	95	42	42½	45
City Pass	94	97	336	95	96	82
Gas	119½	121½	23	120½	121	109
R. C. Ins. Co	48½	48½	51	48½	48½	49
Eastern T's	99½	99½	27	99½	99½	99
Sterling Ex	99½	99½	27	99½	99½	99
Gas & d	99½	99½	27	99½	99½	99

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