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- Mean speed, according to Punch, is running away from one's creditors.

- Passengers to and from Manitoba can now travel in sleeping cars, without change, between Chicago and Fisher's Landing.

- London, Ont., is to have water works. A scheme for their construction has been agreed on. The estimated cost is \$325,000.

-A treaty between Great Britain and the United States respecting trade marks and labels has been signed.

-Freight business on the Grand Trunk Railway is very brisk. One day recently 43 trains passed Prescott Junction in 24 hours.

- Harry Stiuson, manager of Stinson's Bank, Hamilton, died suddenly on Sunday of congestion of the brain.

-It is proposed to start a new local bank in London, to be called the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank.

- A dispatch from Constantinople says the Porte has issued an order prohibiting the exportation of grain.

- W. Kingsley, recently manager of the Merchanis' Bank, Elora, has been promoted to a similar position in Stratford.

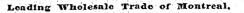
- Manitoba wheat and flour are very highly spoken of in New York, and would command good prices if freights were lower.

- The Court of Review has refused an application of Robertson, the imprisoned Belleville merchant, to be released from jail.

- The Intercolonial Railway Machine Shops at Moncton have 530 men employed. Since July, 1876, over \$275,000 worth of new work has been manufactured.

-It is feared that Rondeau harbour will be destroyed. A considerable sum has been spent on it, and it has been considered the best on the north shore of Lake Erie.

- In addition to those already mentioned, Lt Col. Fraser, of the Artillery, is suing the



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city for \$310.74, for services rendered by his corps on the 16th of July.

- It is said that the Grand Trunk Railway has concluded arrangements for leasing the Hamilton and North Western road for a long term of years.

- The weather at sea has been so stormy that 200 sheep were washed off the steamer Quebec during her last passage between here and Liverpool, and 120 died on board the Manitoban.

- A combination has been formed in Petrolia amongst the producers of crude oil, which will have the effect of raising prices considerably. So far an advance of 3½ cents has taken place.

- Parties in Woodstock, N. B., have taken proceedings in insolvency against the Provincial Insurance Company. The Company lost heavily by the Portland fire, and will, it is said, pay 60 per cent. to its creditors.

- The steamer *Hadji*, coal laden, from Pictou to this port, ran ashore at Bell's Point, in a snow storm, on Friday. She threw overboard a part of her cargo, and got off at high tide, without sustaining any damage.

- Buildings to the value of \$518,000 have been erceted in Ottawa this season. This does not include the addition to the Western Departmental block, which represents an outlay of about \$500,000.

- S. W. Beard, a short time since, made a demand of insolvency upon S. G. Thompson, which has been set aside with costs. Now Thompson enters an action for \$100,000 damages against Beard and one Robertson.

- Judge Torrance has sustained the action of the assignce in refusing to give up certain goods claimed as belonging to the estate of Geo. Berger, the notorious accomplice of Mellor, the more notorious absconding jeweller.

- The following bank dividends for the current half year have been declared: Bank of Quebec, 31 per cent. Bank of Hamilton, 4 per

cent.; Ontario Bank, 4 per cent.; Consolidated Bank, 31 per cent.; Stadacona Bank, 3 per cent.; Bank of Toronto, 4 per cent.

- Advices from Washington state that trade matters with Ganada will receive a good deal of attention from Congress, and that the consular reports from Canadian cities furnish many valuable hints.

- A dispatch from London says,—"The Grand Trunk report shows a reduction of \$69,000 in the working expenses. After paying all preference charges this leaves a balance of \$781,000 to be added to the capital account."

- The Chicago papers tell us that when one respectable Chicagoan remarks, with a sigh, to another respectable Chicagoan, "Another old citizen gone!" the response is, "With how much? What bank ?"

- Cape Breton is rejoicing over the completion of a railway from the mines at Sydney, to the port of Louisburg. Coal can be shipped from the latter port all winter. The new road is expected to do much towards developing the coal mines of Sydney.

- The Passumpsic Railway Co. have cut the telegraph wires along the line of the South-Eastern, and torn up the track at Richford, thereby breaking all communications to Troy and south. Trains are running from Abercorn and West Farnham to Montreal.

-- The name of Thos. K. McQueen, grocer, of Brockville, appears in the list of insolvents. It is only six months since it was there before. We believe he is a young man without either capital or business ability. It is only a short time since he first commenced business.

— Our friends across the lines fear that they will lose the grain-carrying trade when the Welland Oanal enlargement is completed. The Utica Heraid thinks the only hope for New York is to enlarge the Oneida Lake Canal so as to admit the pussage of boats of 240 tons.