

CONSTANT L. VAN EGMOND, a well-known and respected name in the Huron Tract, died last week in Egmondville, aged seventy-six. Coming from Germany in 1819 to Pennsylvania with his father, the family removed to Upper Canada in 1827, when the forest west and north was unbroken. Here they contracted with the Canada Company to chop forty-five miles of road, four rods wide. In 1832, they started farming, milling and store keeping, the mill being at Egmondville, and the farm near by. His father died in January, 1838, for many years after which Mr. Van Egmond continued in the farming, milling and distilling business, and resided in the old homestead until the time of his death. Several years ago, however, he retired from all business pursuits.

ANOTHER derivative from coal-tar has been produced in Germany in the shape of an explosive for mining purposes or firearms. This is a mixture of saltpetre, chlorate of potash, and a solid hydro-carbon, such as paraffin, asphaltum, or pitch. The solid ingredients are powdered and intimately mixed, and the mass is then treated with a liquid volatile hydro-carbon, such as benzine or gasoline, which dissolves the solid hydro-carbon and forms the whole into a plastic body. This cake is then rolled into sheets, and hardened by allowing the liquid solvent to evaporate, the product being afterwards broken up into grains of any desired size, like ordinary gunpowder. The new compound is only an explosive when confined in a close space. It possesses the same density as gunpowder, and is very hard.

A CORRESPONDENT at Bancroft, P. O., in the rear of Hastings County, dwells with some warmth upon the need of railway communication with the townships of Snowdon, Monmouth, Glamorgan, Cardiff and Faraday, and outlines a scheme to make these tributary to this city by means of a short railroad, proposed to be built north eastward from Irondale, and to be called the Irondale, Bancroft & Ottawa Railway. "A charter is procured," he tells us, "and \$3,200 per mile is promised by the Dominion Government when twenty miles out of the forty-four proposed shall have been built. The Victoria Railway already reaches Snowdon, an extension has been made to Irondale, and if a grant of land can be had from the Ontario Government of equal value to the money grant now conditionally made, there is a prospect that New York and Ontario private capital will provide the rest."

A PRELIMINARY meeting of the Western Starch manufacturers was held two weeks ago at Cincinnati, and an adjourned meeting held at Indianapolis. There were fourteen manufacturers represented, and the conference ended with the organization of a pool, to be known as the Western Starch Manufacturing Association. Another meeting will be held at Chicago this week, when the organization will be perfected, and it is thought all the outstanding firms will give in their allegiance. Ten firms have joined the pool, namely: Two Cincinnati companies and the manufacturers located at Elkhart and Columbus, Ind., Columbus, O., Peoria and Danville, Ill., and Ottumwa and Des Moines, Io. The purposes of the association are similar to those of the Western Export Association. The Starch market has been demoralized for months, while the high price of corn, it is claimed, would justify a stiff market.

THE officers of the Mutual Marriage Aid Association are having anything but a pleasant time just now. The two Webbers, father and son, vice-president and secretary respectively of the concern, were arrested rather more than a week ago by some angry people in Napanee. The charge was that of obtaining money on false

pretences, and as their bondsmen withdrew their bail, the Webbers were imprisoned. They were also wanted at the same time in Brighton, and as they could not be had, the president of the Company, Mr. W. A. H. Duff, was arrested and taken to that town. A few days after his arrival there he was brought before a bench of local magistrates, but the trial of the case was postponed until to-day, we understand, in order to ensure the attendance of Mr. Stevens, the receiver of the Company. From the statement submitted by him it is evident that there were a great many dupes who would have "squealed" long ago had it not been for a feeling of shame, for the Company had received no less a sum than \$78,567.95 from assessments since its inception. But owing to the heavy lapses which took place, the assessment grew very heavy upon those remaining in the Company; hence the collapse. The Court has given parties until Monday next to file their claims. It will not be known until then what the Company's liabilities are.

"BULLING" THE MARKET.—A ludicrous incident occurred on St. Peter street the other day. A drove of cattle were being driven along the street when a large bull became obstreperous and bolted into the office of a well-known broker. The manipulator of stocks was busy at his desk in an inner office, and hearing a rumour going on near by he turned round, when his dismay can be imagined when he beheld the majestic bovine customer staring him in the face with ferocious eyes and mien. He sprang for the door with a wild shriek and escaped to the street, leaving the bull in possession of his stocks, bonds, &c., and could only be induced to return when, after considerable trouble, the animal was removed.—*Quebec Chronicle.*

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