

COAL is stated to have been found in Manitoba at La Roche Perce, in Township 1, range 40 west, which we take to be near Rapid city.

A WALKERTON general store firm boasts of having taken in their store and shipped this season, 600 packages of butter, 3,200 pounds.

THE premises, stock and book-debts of the Ancaster Boot and Shoe Company have been offered for sale by tender, either *en bloc* or in separate lots.

When a writer swears because his articles are refused, it's a proof that rejected communications corrupt good manners.

RUMPEL's slipper factory at Berlin, says the *News*, is to be enlarged. The same gentleman is also to establish a felt factory in Berlin.

THE building operations this season in Ingersoll, as recently given by the *Chronicle*, amounted to \$18,000.

THE new buildings in Woodstock amount to fully \$150,000, in value, says the *Review*.

BOSTON is rapidly coming into prominence as a sole leather market, and now claims to handle 2,200,000 sides per annum.

IT is announced that the wholesale dry goods stock of the estate of T. James Claxton & Co., of Montreal, amounting to some \$75,000, will be sold by tender next week.

KINGSTON fire department has three hundred feet of new hose. This, the *Whig* thinks, with the present supply, will place the force in good trim for a fire of any importance.

THE well known lumbering firm of Gilmour & Co., has been dissolved, and the establishments at Quebec city, Gatineau Mills, Ottawa and Trenton in Ontario, will be owned solely in future by Mr. Allan Gilmour.

A FARMER in Hamilton township, (Cobourg Road) received \$400 for the apple crop of his orchards this year. The Port Hope *Guide* asks: who will say fruit culture does not pay?

THE annual meeting of the Dominion Grange, comprising about eighty delegates, from different parts of Canada, began on Tuesday at the Albert Hall in this city. There are about eight delegates from the Maritime Provinces.

THE Montreal Stock Exchange will be closed for holidays from the evening of Dec. 24th to the morning of the 29th, and from Dec. 31st of the current year until January 5th of the new.

UPON the guarantee of a State bounty of 1 cent per pound for the first 700,000 pounds of beet sugar made each season, says an exchange, a Portland, Me., company have expended \$500,000 in machinery, and disbursed \$50,000 more among the farmers for raising the beets.

SOME gentlemen from Philadelphia, gas work builders, and from Scranton, Pa., were in Sherbrooke last week to see about erecting gas and water works in that city at their own expense, provided sufficient takers were guaranteed. Estimates are being prepared.

THE books and accounts of the treasurer of Lennox and Addington, have been made, upon requisition of ratepayers, the subject of government investigation, and on Friday last the

treasurer, Mr. E. Hooper, tendered his resignation, and Mr. J. M. Parrott was appointed in his stead.

SCYTHE-SNAITHS are to be manufactured in Sherbrooke, the Springfield Vt. firm of Smith, Ball & Co., having leased buildings and water-power for the purpose. The water-power of the Magog river has also attractions for another American concern, whose name the *Gazette* meanwhile mysteriously conceals.

THE premises of A. G. Kearns, grocer, of St. John, N. B., have been closed at suit of Thurgar & Russell. A dissolution is announced by Sutherland & Fader, Grocers, of Halifax; the former retires and Mr. Joseph Fader continues the business.

WHAT is termed by a local journal "a spirited close of navigation," was occasioned on the Chambly Canal and the Richelieu last week by the keen frost. At Chambly 13 coal laden and 3 lumber laden boats lie, 14 at St. John, 16 lumber laden at Sorel, 8 at St. Hilaire, 10 grain and lumber laden at another point, in all near 100 boats hemmed in by ice.

JACQUES NARBONNE has been arrested in Montreal for endeavoring to put into circulation 100,000 counterfeit 3c. Canadian stamps. Prisoner was negotiating with two New York lithographing establishments, who led him on until he supplied them with the necessary plates and so placed himself within reach of the law. They then gave information to the Montreal police, who have all the correspondence between Narbonne and the lithographers.

THE failure of James Glen, tailor, of London, whose estate was attached at the instance of Kortosk & Co., on Monday last, brings to mind that it is not his first, nor, we believe, his second failure. In 1875, we are told, Glen compromised at 50c. in the \$; again, in the winter of 1878-9, we hear of him settling with creditors at various per centages. The probabilities are that credit to him will henceforth be very sparing.

THE annual meeting of the Montreal Investment Association was held on Monday last, when the report showed a decided improvement in its affairs. The dividend on class C being raised from 3 to 4 per cent. Messrs. A. MacCulloch, Hon. D. A. Smith, Geo. Stephen, Henry Lyman, Robt. Lyndsay, and T. W. Ritchie were re-elected directors.

IMPORTS AT LIVERPOOL, G. B., of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia spruce deals for October last were 11,828 standards, the consumption 5,156 standards, the stock on hand 31st October 25,233 standards. The imports of Quebec deals for that month was less than the consumptions and the stock at close of month of both spruce and pine, 7,427 standards. The stock of Baltic deals was 3,908 standards at same date.

IRON ore from the Township of Tamworth has been recently analyzed by Prof. Chapman, who gives the following result: Metallic Iron, 64.12; Sulphur, 0.040; Phosphorus, 0.017. This ore, adds the professor, is Red Iron Ore or Hematite,

of the best quality. It is rich in metallic iron, absolutely free from Titanium, and contains merely traces of Sulphur and Phosphorus.

THE well known and successful wholesale clothing house of Sanford, Vail & Bickley, of Hamilton, announced a dissolution of partnership last week. Mr. Bickley, who was many years with the house, and who became a partner when the firm name was changed from that of Sanford, McInnes & Co., leaves the firm. The remaining partners and Mr. W. B. Duffield continue the business under the style of Sanford, Vail & Co.

AMONG those fallen from the ranks in the Dominion army of traders during the week are 3 in Ontario assigned and 11 attached; 2 in Quebec assigned and 4 attached; with four failures in the Maritime provinces, Frank Powers of Lunenburg, N. S., lobster dealer, offers 33½c. in the \$; C. E. Rees & Co., general dealers, Cow Bay N. S. are attached; Gillen & Keith hardware, Belleville, who dissolved partnership last week, have since been served with an attachment; Peter Hunt, general dealer, Levis, has assigned.

AMONG the minor business establishments of Sarnia was the tailor shop and museum of second-hand goods kept by John Rosenberger. Dissatisfaction with his lot appears to have seized John, for a week ago he folded his tent, so to speak, and silently stole away, leaving behind him hardly assets enough to pay the expense of winding up his estate. As the state of Michigan is within easy reach, it is surmised that that soil was his refuge.

PRINCE Edward Island exported the following articles in one week from Summerside across the strait to the railway terminus at Point duChene:—195 bbls. potatoes, 515 bbls. oysters, 21 bbls. Oatmeal, 259 brls. mackerel, 380 cases eggs, 943 bush. barley, 12 tubs butter, 32 bales wool, 19 rolls leather, 41 bbls. pelts, 1,450 sheep, 14 horses, 64 pkgs sundries.

FOUR weeks ago the creditors of the Glasgow bank received their third dividend, making 13s. 4d. on the pound out of the total. The total is in round numbers £11,000,000, of which £7,400,000 is paid and £3,600,000 is still to pay. There is every probability that the £11,000,000 will be liquidated to the farthing, but the interest is doubtful. Two of the directors have emigrated to Australia; another is living with his family in a handsome villa near the Italian lakes.

ONE of the prominent houses in Montreal is that of Messrs. Hodgson, Murphy & Sumner, whose success as dealers in dry goods, small-ware and fancy goods is well known throughout Quebec and Eastern Ontario. We observe that the partnership of this firm, last week dissolved by limitation of time, and that Mr. Murphy retires. The business is continued by the remaining principals, who now associate with them Messrs. Thos. E. Hodgson, one of the buyers, and Jas. Gardner, for years book-keeper, under the firm name of Hodgson, Sumner & Co.