

THE L.E. and D.R.R. are erecting a grain elevator at Port Stanley.

It is stated that a new steamer will be built to ply between Windsor, Amherstburg and Pelee Island.

THE wheat pits of Duluth elevators have been flooded by the high waters of Lake Superior.

AN interesting Montreal trade paper, *Le Prix Courant*, celebrated a birthday last week by an exceedingly creditable special edition.

THE cotton factory, the mills and the electric light power station at St. Stephen's, N. B., were not able to operate steadily last week, owing to the scarcity of water in the river.

HEAVY catches of sturgeon are reported in British Columbia waters. Sturgeon fisheries are in their infancy on the Pacific coast, and seemingly the future has good possibilities.

THE Bureau of the American Republics has advised from the Argentine Republic that the acreage of wheat sown for the coming crop is larger than that of the last year; the maize and linseed crops are smaller.

A DELEGATION of workmen from the Bresse shoe factory, Que., waited upon the mayor last week and asked him to attempt a settlement of the firm's difficulties. Winter is drawing near, and the 300 men, formerly employed in the factory, want work.

THE old adage about the rolling stone, etc., has proven to be true in the case of J. H. Cavanagh, general storekeeper at Medicine Hat, then Lethbridge, and now Calgary, Alb. There he traded entirely beyond his means and was obliged to ask an extension in June last. Now finding that he is unable to meet his engagements, an assignment is in order.

A. B. SMITH, superintendent of construction, Great North-Western Telegraph Co., elected president of the Canadian Electrical Association at Ottawa this week, commenced his telegraphic career in the Montreal office of the Montreal Telegraph Company in 1862. He rose from the lowest round to the position of superintendent of construction. In 1869 the Hamilton office required a chief operator, and young Smith was sent up from Montreal in August of that year to fill the position. In 1872 he was selected to fill the position of travelling inspector. In December, 1883, Mr. Smith was removed to Toronto as general inspector, and in 1889 was appointed superintendent of construction for the entire system. Mr. Smith is an experienced and capable electrician.

THE saw-mills of Mr. Esnouf, Maddington Falls, Nicolet county, Que., have been destroyed by fire.

THE St. Croix cotton mill has large orders on hand, and is running on full time. The force of employees is to be largely increased.—*St. Andrew's Beacon*.

MOFFATT & MCGREGOR, of Tilbury, shipped the largest elm raft the other day that ever crossed Lake St. Clair, there being 3,253 logs, containing 700,000 feet, on the float.

THERE are plenty of Nova Scotia apples arriving here now. As high as \$2.25 per bbl. is asked for best gravensteins, but fruit is also to be had for less than half that figure.—*St. John Sun*.

THE Guelph Electric Railway has been completed and was formally opened Wednesday. Mr. Geo. Sleeman is at the head of the company controlling the line, and it promises to be well managed.

AN agreement has been entered into between German and British steamship companies under which there will be a considerable advance in freight and passenger rates to America. The agreement will go into effect October 1.

MAJOR HENRY McLAREN has been elected a director of the Hamilton Gas Light Company to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the company's vice-president, Mr. John Eastwood. Mr. John Proctor was elected to the office of vice-president.

THE annual meeting of shareholders of the Geo. Matthews Company was held in Peterboro' on the 18th inst., at which the president, Mr. Geo. Matthews, Lindsay, presided. The officers elected were:—Mr. Geo. Matthews, Lindsay, president; Mr. W. G. Matthews, Ottawa, vice-president; Mr. R. C. Matthews, Peterboro', secretary-treasurer. This company is one of the largest of its kind in the Dominion, and a busy season is looked forward to in all its branches, Peterboro', Lindsay, Ottawa and Hull.

ALFRED GRAVELLE, an Ottawa shoe dealer, succeeding a brother-in-law who failed about four years ago, has now himself assigned.—Another trader in the same line, also of Ottawa, Mrs. E. A. Theborge, is reported insolvent. She has carried on the business since the death of her husband two years ago, and shows liabilities of about \$5,000, with apparent assets of \$6,450.—S. L. Freeman & Son, clothiers, Ottawa, reported failed several weeks ago, are now offering 30 cents on the dollar.

THE difficulties of F. C. Peck, Jeannettes Creek, have already been noticed in these columns. Now he offers creditors 50 per cent., and in order to arrive at a settlement, it is said that his brother, to whom he owes the largest sum, will waive his claim.—Last year Thomas Bell, who had been clerking in Montreal, opened a boot and shoe store at Fort Francis, and it will not be a surprise to those who knew his habits to hear that he has already assigned.—The effects of Wm. Wesley, printer at Ridgetown, are in the hands of the mortgagee; his habits, too, have been freely criticised since he moved from Walkerton, nearly two years ago.

AN extraordinary statement is that of John B. Rose & Co., dealers in metals, etc., Montreal. It shows assets of \$17,000, but on investigation by the curators and inspectors only \$91.98 was realized. In the insolvent's statements was an item, bills receivable, \$1,700, but none were found; stock in trade, \$1,900; book value, \$438; office furniture, \$500; book value, \$338; machinery, tools, and office fixtures \$5,413, but these were sold under seizure by the city for \$26; patent rights, \$500, doubtful quantity. The liabilities to be met by the realized sum of \$91.98 is \$4,800, and the administrators have their hands full.

LATE Quebec Province failures are as follows: J. E. Desbiens, doing a general store business, and running a cheese factory at St. Bruno, in the Saguenay district, is reported embarrassed, and creditors are granting him an extension of time. He succeeded his father three years ago.—Benoit & Co., in the restaurant business at St. Hyacinthe, have assigned.—O. Lapointe, a baker and grocer of St. Jean, Isle d'Orleans, has compromised liabilities of \$1,800 at 50c. He has been in business some ten years, and lately became involved through endorsements; it is said.—Theo. Huard, of Plessisville, formerly a shoemaker, but who went into a grocery business also about two years ago, without any experience of that line, has been asked to assign.—J. McKiever, formerly a farmer in Hawkesbury, started a small store business at Calumet a couple of years ago. He has now assigned on demand.—D. F. Bedard & Co., general store, Richmond, are insolvent. Mr. B. has been in business some years, but has not been able to command success. He failed several years ago, when his estate paid about ten cents on the dollar.—The widow of the late Edouard Beliveau, baker, Iberville, is arranging a com-

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