

THE exports of provisions and tallow last month from the port of New York amounted to: Bacon and hams, 30,690,051 lbs; beef, 4,119,762 lbs; pork, 3,745,356 lbs; lard, 15,276,458 lbs; butter, 3,438,973 lbs; cheese, 26,497,836 lbs; tallow, 5,103,498 lbs.

A SERIES of recent robberies and burglaries in St. Thomas has puzzled the townsfolk as to their authors. It is suspected that these have been discovered in the persons of a family named Knox, father, mother, son and daughter, the father's business being that of a confectioner. They have been arrested.

THE annual meeting of the Albert Railway Company was held recently at Hillsboro, N.B., the road having been handed over to the directors completed and equipped. Directors were chosen as follows: Messrs. A. E. Killam, president and manager, Geo. McKean, W. H. Thorne, R. T. Clinch, Hon. Jno. Lewis. Mr. Thos. McHenry is Secretary and Mr. Elisha Tingly, Treasurer.

THE annual excursion of the employes of the Canada Southern Railway at St. Thomas took place on Saturday last at Niagara Falls. That of the Great Western employes at Hamilton was held the same week.

THE Legislative Assembly of Newfoundland proposes to grant an annual subsidy of £120,000 to any company which will construct a railway across the island from St. John's to George's Bay. A preliminary survey has been made, and it has been found that the railway can be built for a moderate sum.

THE despatches from the United States of Monday contain a formidable list of people taking advantage of the last day (Aug. 31) in which the Insolvent Act was in operation. In Chicago 375 petitions were filed. In New York there were 394, in Cincinnati over 100, and the number in other business centres were in proportion.

FOURTEEN of the Quebec District Magistrates' Courts have, under the Provincial Act of last session, been abolished, the only ones remaining being those of Ottawa, Sherbrooke, Rimouski and Chicoutimi.

A GENTLEMAN from Georgia has made experiments in the planting of sugar cane near Grimsby. Some of this season's growth has measured 13 feet 3 inches, and he thinks that sugar-cane can be successfully raised in that district.

DIRECT telegraphic communication is established between Thunder Bay and Winnipeg; the rate is forty cents for ten words. The distance is 430 miles, and there are 25 offices on the line.

JAMES VIRTUE & Co., publishers, who failed in London, represent that the assets of the firm are double the liabilities. The publishing firm of Daldy, Isbister & Co., have stopped payment in connection with the suspension of Virtue & Co. The bills of Tinsley Bros., publishers, have also been returned.

THE Western Extension Railway was sold at auction in St. John, N.B., on 31st ult., under

foreclosure of mortgage, amounting to £411,000, and was bought in by the bondholders, who are incorporated under the title of the St. John & Maine Railway Company, and will run the road. The road is 88 miles long, extending from Fairville to the St. Croix. The whole road, stations, terminus at Carleton, etc., which is, of course, a nominal figure.

A FIRM in Kingston, Jamaica, Messrs. C. Levy & Co., write under date of August 9th, calling attention to a new customs law (which consolidates all others) by which a penalty is imposed unless the out-turn of a cargo exactly corresponds with the bill of lading. "This act was brought prominently before us a few days ago, in the case of some shingles, of which a vessel landed 56 M., against bill of lading of 66 M., for which inaccuracy the captain was fined, and we could only get it remitted after much trouble, with the understanding that in future it will be strictly enforced."

THE exports from the port of Boston, compared with former years, are shown by the following table:

Week ending	1878	1877	1876
Aug. 23.....	\$ 1,147,927	\$ 1,213,461	\$ 681,279
Prev. reported	33,143,996	26,490,529	28,092,247
Total.....	\$34,291,923	\$27,703,990	\$28,773,526

THE assignee of C. A. Smith, an insolvent druggist of Ottawa, Mr. D. S. Eastwood, issues the following statement of his receipts and payments in that estate: Amount received from the sale of the estate in detail by auction, \$256.54. Paid rent, \$195.03; advertising, \$19.62; cartage, 50c; water rates, \$8.17; guardian, \$10.00; total, \$233.32; leaving a balance of \$23.22, which he retains as part payment of account, creditors thus getting nothing. The statement is sent for the information of creditors. The assignee spent the greater part of two days selling by auction, and had a great deal of trouble with the estate, but was glad in the end to get out of the difficulty without loss.

AMONG new vessels launched from Maritime Province shipyards, are the barque "Cyprus," at Annapolis, for Messrs. Troop & Son, of St. John; the ship "San Stefano," 1,196 tons, at Beaver River, for Yarmonth parties; the ship "Cyprus," 1,350 tons, at Jordan River, for local owners; and the ship "Lawrence Delap," 1,665 tons, for a company.

THE first "Motor" for the Hamilton and Dundas street railway, has reached the former place from Philadelphia, and five passenger cars are to arrive this week. The new motor car is driven by steam, the boiler being enclosed and the engine scarcely visible.

IN no case has the rapidity of discharge of the ship Nelson, which arrived from Quebec on Friday last, and was berthed in the Albert Harbor, been equalled, says the Greenock (Scotland) Telegraph. The vessel carries an exceedingly large cargo for her tonnage, and that completed last night may be computed at 1,420 loads, consisting of—1,099 pieces timber, 628 pieces deals, and 11,162 pieces staves. Yet, with the aid of steam power, this large cargo was safely discharged in the short space of 33 working hours.

OF the aggregate foreign trade of the United States, imports and exports, during the last fiscal year, it is stated that New York transacted 54.8 per cent.; New Orleans, 8.4; Boston, 7.6; Philadelphia, 5.6, and Baltimore, 5.4.

THERE is trouble among the London druggists. Recent newspapers in that city contain advertisements denouncing "a certain so-called wholesale druggist who has resolved to injure the retail trade by selling goods at or below cost." So a dozen of retail druggists have combined and are determined to "run him out," it appears, by putting their prices down even below his; hinting, at the same time, that they sell pure drugs, not adulterated or inferior ones. While it may be said that the community will benefit by this proceeding, in obtaining their chemicals cheap, we still think the difficulty complained of will soon adjust itself. A reasonable profit is needful to the success of any business, and unfair or empirical methods cannot last. Whoever makes an "Ishmael" in any trade has a hard road to travel.

RESPECTING mining matters on Lake Superior the *Sentinel* of Thunder Bay says that a good "find" has been made at Silver Islet, one week's yield being valued at \$12,000, obtained from workings 240 feet down. One piece taken out, weighing 362 lbs., was valued at \$400. The stamp mill is working night and day.

A GOOD specimen of lead ore taken from the Frontenac Lead Mining Company's works at Lobo, a few days ago, has been on exhibition at Kingston. The ore appears to be of excellent quality and very pure, and this specimen, the Kingston *News* thinks, speaks highly for the quality and quantity of the deposits on the company's property in Lobo.

THE International Exhibition of Paper at Berlin promises to be a great success. There are 487 exhibitors, of whom twenty-five are Austrian, seven English, five Belgian, four Russian, four American, three Swedish, three Italian, one French, one Dusch and one Danish. The paper trade of China and Japan is represented by the collection belonging to the Berlin Museum, lent for the occasion. The machines for the manufacture and preparation of paper will be kept in motion by steam power.

THE application made last week, by a Montreal firm, to have the Volney Powder Works at Brockville declared insolvent, was refused with costs, on Wednesday last by the court, no act of insolvency having been proved. Dr. Volney contends that he has assets to three times the amount of his debts, and has in his turn taken an action for damages against those who thus, as he alleges, took spiteful proceedings against him.

A CARGO of South African wool recently arrived at Boston, and it was found that it could not be sold on this continent at a profit. It was then re-shipped to England, and after the payment of all charges, a profit of two cents per pound was realized. From this it would appear that America is just now the lowest market in the world for wool.