

THE Canadians are now celebrating Thanksgiving Day, says the Rochester Post. Well, the Americans have something to be thankful for, too, the campaign is over.

MESSRS. Askew & Sons have a new roller mill in Essex county. The contract for supplying the machinery and fitting up the mill was executed by a Toronto firm for \$5,000.

THE Merchant's woollen mill at Dedham, Mass., the looms of which have been silent for several weeks, started up on Wednesday morning of last week, all the operators returning to work.

A. FREELAND, a stationer in Brandon, Man., has assigned; this is due to his kindness in granting accommodation to Campbell & Son, of this city. He owes about \$5,000. Assets not yet ascertained.

THE assignment is announced of J. & F. Burpee & Co., of St. John. N. B. The trustees, the Bank of N. B. and Bank of B. N. A., are in possession of the estate and will shortly prepare a statement of the firm's affairs.

THE Anglo-French Steamship Company of Halifax, has just launched a steamer for its new line between Halifax and St. Pierre, Miquelon, calling at ports on the Bras D'Or and at Sydney, C. B. Her carrying capacity is 8,000 barrels.

THE Mount Vernon Cotton Mills, at Woodberry, Baltimore County, Md., have posted notices that the wages of operatives would be reduced ten and fifteen per cent., those receiving the highest wages to be reduced fifteen, and the others ten per cent.

THERE was in store at the Northern Railway elevator in this city, on the 10th instant, 500 barrels of flour, 9,522 bushels of fall wheat, 16,908 bushels of spring wheat, 111,096 bushels of barley, 13,327 bushels of peas and 1,944 bushels of oats. The shipments during last week were 91,613 bushels of barley, 25,782 bushels of fall wheat and 1,376 bushels of spring wheat.

THE traffic receipts of the Grand Trunk Railway for the week ending Nov. 7th, amounted to \$378,973, against \$420,270 for the corresponding week of 1883; a decrease of \$60,297 which consists of \$47,929 in passenger traffic, \$1,849 in mails and express, and \$10,519 in merchandise. The aggregate receipts for the eighteen weeks were \$5,348,823, a decrease of \$649,595 for the like period last year.

ONE of the largest single contracts ever made by the British Government was that awarded to Armour & Co., of Chicago, for 1,000,000 pounds of canned corn beef and 1,000 cases of bacon for the army in Egypt. It is stated that half the contract was fulfilled by delivery at Woolwich, within an hour after the order was given, and on the same day the rest of the beef started from Chicago by flying freight train for New York.

A BILL has been introduced into the Congress of the Argentine Republic for the entire suppression of export duties, in view of the prosperous financial conditions of the country. The abolition of export duties would stimulate the productive resources of the Republic, and would enable the Argentines to enter the consuming markets of the world on more equitable terms. Canadians will watch the proposal with interest for we may do considerable business with them hereafter.

THE paper shirt has been introduced, and is thus described by the dry goods Bulletin: "The bosom of this novel garment consists of several layers, of which one can be torn off every day, on the blotting pad principle, exposing a clean white surface in its place. A still more enterprising inventor is now trying to perfect a plan for printing instalments of a sensational novel on the back of each of the layers. He expects that, having once commenced the thrilling tale,

the wearer of the shirt will be unable to wait a day for the next instalment, and so be tempted to peel off the successive layers of his shirt front at more frequent intervals to loan to his best lady friend.

THE potato crop of P. E. Island will this year fall fully 50 per cent. below that of last year. From 30 to 35 cents per bushel is the ruling price. Oats have been an extra crop, and can be bought for 16 cents in some parts of the Island.

THE by-law to raise \$50,000 to purchase a steam engine with all the necessary hose, reel, &c., was voted on at Midland on Monday and carried by a majority of 113, only 11 voting against it. The fire hall and hose tower will be built at once.

MR. J. A. MORTON, hop-grower, writes to the Mail that Messrs. A. J. Luce & Co., of New York city, have lately established a hop-plantation in Canada of 400 acres. They have already paid for kilns, poles, labor, etc., over \$100,000, giving employment to a large number of working men.

THE London papers are strongly opposing the further use of Aniline Dyes, particularly in the coloring of hose; the same having been found dangerous to life in consequence of the large quantities of arsenic used in the manufacture. An effort is making to revive interest in madder and indigo dyes, which it is hoped will prove successful.

FURTHER shipments of Canadian hops have been made to the English market, we are told, but depressed condition of this market continues. According to a Montreal despatch, choice Canadian hops have been sold in small lots of two and three bales to brewers at 17 to 18c., but the outside figure is difficult to obtain now. Common kinds are offered at 14 to 16c. per pound.

LAST week's shipments of apples from Montreal for Liverpool, Glasgow, and London, amounted to 18,204 bbls., which makes the season's shipments from that port to date 51,724 barrels. New York and Boston shipped last week to these and other ports 36,143 barrels, which, with previous shipments, makes 237,126 barrels for the season. The total shipments this season from the United States and Canada are therefore 288,850 barrels.

THE civic returns of Montreal for the year ending 31st October, shows the total receipts on revenue account to be \$1,840,291, against \$1,850,122 for the corresponding period last year, a falling off of \$9,881. The special collections, such as street improvements, drains, sidewalks, etc., amount to \$99,161, against \$76,953, an increase of \$22,208, so that the total receipts of revenue show an increase of \$12,327 over last year.

THE monthly meeting of the Montreal Harbour Commission was held yesterday. Mr. Andrew Robertson in the chair. The statement showed the tonnage of the port to be 96,000 tons, an increase of nearly 10,000 tons over the same period of last year but the total revenue was \$198,000, a decrease of nine per cent as compared with last year. This deficiency in revenue arose from the practical suspension of the duties up to the first September.

THE creditors of the Thamesville branch of Fawcett, Livingston & Co's bank, met on last Friday, when it was decided to accept from Mr. Livingstone an assignment of all his personal and real property, to be placed in the hands of two trustees to act with Mr. L. in winding up the affairs of the bank, one trustee to represent Thamesville branch, and one Dresden. Mr. G. R. Gordon was elected in the interest of the former.

A PROPOSAL is now made to enlarge the grounds of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition by taking in the Garrison Common. At a meeting of the Exhibition Board yesterday, views favorable to the extension of the grounds were expressed, and the matter was left in the hands of a committee composed of the President, Capt. McMaster, Ald. Crocker, Messrs. Crocker and Elliot.

LAST year, up to the end of October, 163,485 immigrants arrived in Canada, of whom 97,530 settled here. This year, to same date, there have been 138,386 arrivals, and 80,510 of them are settlers. The Ottawa immigration returns show that there were 11,718 arrivals in Canada during last month, of whom 7,618 were settlers and 4,100 passengers going through Canada to the United States.

ON the 8th instant, the first section of the Minneapolis, Sault Ste. Marie & Atlantic railway, was formally opened for traffic. It is 46 miles in length, and the object of the road is to connect Minneapolis, the commercial centre of the American North-West, with Sault Ste. Marie, where a junction will be made with the trunk lines of railway in Canada centering at Montreal.

THE statement is made by the Montreal Gazette that the Canadian Pacific railway company has completed arrangements by which the loan of five million dollars obtained in New York last year for the purpose of providing security for the government guarantee, has been paid off. The ten millions of stock pledged to secure this loan has gone into the hand of investors, the result of the transactions being to relieve the company of a liability of five million dollars, and increase the amount of its outstanding stock from fifty-five to sixty-five millions.

THE Railway Freight Agents' Association of Canada met in Montreal on Wednesday. During the session the following questions were discussed:—What are the proper regulations under which stoves carried at owners' risk, and broken in transit, should be returned for repair. Charges for live stock, implements, etc., going to various agricultural fairs for exhibition; also, extent to which passes should be given to persons in charge of same; and what arrangements should be made for the carriage of live stock, implements, or other property going from one place to another, not returning direct from first point of exhibition to point of shipment. Necessity for certified declaration of weights and contents of freight in carloads loaded by shippers, over which railway companies' agents cannot exercise very strict supervision. Rates charged by express companies in proportion to regular tariff freight rates. Live stock carried in long and short cars. Passes issued to men in charge of live stock and perishable goods. Transportation of circuses. Classification of transportation of logs and square timber.

MR. JOSEPH KIDD, proprietor of the International salt works at Goderich, Ont., has started what is said to be one of the most capacious and complete dairy and table-salt works in Canada. The brine, before being made into salt is chemically purified. The salt is then carefully dried in a suitable warehouse, whence it is elevated into the third flat of the refinery, here it passes through a process which frees it from all scales. It is then put through a large cylinder, undergoing various changes, and comes out perfectly dry. It is then elevated to the second flat undergoing many changes, producing an article "unequaled in Canada, as the proprietor claims, for the table, butter, or cheese." The table salt is done up in the best of cotton bags, beautifully printed in various colors. Mr. Kidd professes to have overcome in this salt mill, what has been the deep study of Canadian and American