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An excursion is announced to Jamaica by the SS. "Alpha," from Halifax, on the 15th of February, at a very low rate of passage. The "Alpha" is said to be a good ship, with saloon amidships.

Reports from the Upper Ottawa lumber district, says the Ottawa Journal, are very favorable for a large output of logs and timber, the heavy frosts of the last few days having rendered the ice on the smaller lakes strong enough to allow the passing of teams.

 D_{URING} 1888, 1,535 vessels, of 449,234 tons, employing 15,317 men, arrived in the port of St. John, and 555 vessels, of 14,734 tons, manned by 1,357 seamen, arrived at the outports of St. John, making a total in arrivals of vessels 2,982, with a total tonnage of 145,120 tons, and manned by 15,631 seamen.

THE thirteenth annual meeting of the New Brunswick Farmers' Association was held at Fredericton last week, when the subject of fruit-raising occupied considerable attention, and it was suggested that a Fruit-Growers' Association should be formed in New Brunswick on similar lines to the one which had done such good work among the fruit-growers of the Annapolis Valley in Nova Scotia.

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MESSRS. GILMOUR & Co., the lumbermen of the Trent district, have about 500,000 feet of logs cut in the woods and have only about 50,000 drawn out. The absence of snow and the soft bottom has been bad for lumbering.

Large catches of herring have been made in the Bay of Fundy, but as the weather continues extremely mild the fish cannot be marketed owing to the need of freezing. Reports are continually made that American fishing vessels are poaching on the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia coasts while the cruisers are out of commission.

THE Bronson & Weston Lumber Company have sold to the Shepherd and Morse Lumber Company between 15 and 20 million feet of the present winter's cut of lumber. This comprises the best quality of lumber cut by the Bronson & Weston firm, and the cut was generally purchased by the Canada Export Lumber Company.

TIMBER trade with France is likely to receive an impetus. We learn from the Quebec Chronicle that Mr. Arthur D. Ritchie, wood dealer, of Three Rivers, has signed a contract with the "Societe Industrielle et Commerciale de bois et de pavage en bois de Paris," to send to France by a steamer of the Bossiere line 42,-000 feet of deals, and a considerable quantity of hardwood, such as birch, maple, &c. Since 1877, when a French vessel took a cargo of

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wood at Isle Baptist, it is said that this will be the first occasion for a French ship receive a complete cargo in the port of Three

We have received the Carnival Number of the Montreal Witness, a twenty-four-page sheet filled with " filled with illustrations, imaginary as well in real. of Montreal and its surroundings the Carnival time. Interesting features are the colored plate containing views of the tableaux on runners, and portraits of the various public spirited gentlemen who are chairmen of the various committees connected with the enter-

R. A. Allarbice, who has been trading under the style of R. A. Allardice and Connast Hamilton, as a furniture manufacturer, has made an assignment to F. H. Lamb. of the city. The same official has received the assignment of James Kerr, a groot and Gravenhurst, whose assets are \$1,032, and liabilities as a second liabilities \$2,276.00, in which the landlord formers for figures for a privileged claim of ine of for unpaid rept for unpaid rent. Kerr made a compromise of 30c. in November 107 30c. in November, '87, and now offers the same dividend to the new list of creditors. Mackenzie, lumber dealer, of Hamilton, who assigned some weeks ago, has compromised with his and an arrangements. with his creditors at 30c. in the dollar, secured by the endorsation of a friend who came forward in the hour of need.

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