

THE declared value of exports of Canadian products to the United States from the port of Hamilton in June was \$38,092.48. Machinery was a large item, \$9,436, and household goods was unusually large. Horses, \$4,385, was the next item, then eggs, wool, cotton-waste, skins, barley, and cattle.

H. GOBEILLE, general storekeeper at Drummondville, Que., can claim about first place in a competition showing the shortest business career on record. He was a tailor by trade, and with the help of his father-in-law started to "keep store" last December. He has now assigned with liabilities of \$4,200.

ACCORDING to estimates prepared by the Indian Tea Association, it is expected that the ensuing crop of India teas will reach a total closely approximating 107,000,000 lbs. This indicates by long odds the heaviest production yet reached, showing an increase of 10,700,000 lbs. over 1888-89, 20,208,000 lbs. over 1887-88, and an excess over 1885-86 of 38,265,000 lbs.

IN Halifax harbor last week, lying peacefully side by side, were representatives of the British, German, and French navies; while a ship of the Austrian Imperial navy is on her way to join the fraternal gathering. Halifax harbor could easily hold all the men-of-war ships of the world, and give them room to swing at anchor.

ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN, doing a kind of "Cheap John" business at St. Polycarpe, Que., is reported failed, and owes about \$3,100—W. D. Boisvert, of Granby, started in the grocery business a little more than a year ago, and has already assigned. He was never supposed to have much capacity, and his habits were such as to cause misgivings as to his success as a storekeeper. He owes about \$1,000.

A MEETING of tin plate manufacturers was held at Swansea on June 18th to consider the question of combination on matters affecting capital and labor. There was a large and influential attendance. The movement was caused by the increasing power of the Tin Plate Workers' Union, as evidenced by the recent disputes at Morriston. Therefore the manufacturers have resolved to combine also.

A LARGE and influential meeting of stock-owners representing various parts of the province was held at Stratford last week. All were enthusiastic in favor of the live stock insurance movement, and an influential board of directors was elected. There is already upwards of \$250,000 in insurance subscribed. The following are the directors: John McMillan, M.P.; A. Bishop, M.P.P.; H. W. C.

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A LITTLE more than ten years ago, S. C. Warner, then a clerk, opened out in the gents' furnishing line at Orillia. In 1884 he was granted an extension, and being unable to meet payments on this extension a trust was appointed in 1885. The year following he was burned out, and in March, 1887, assigned. Since March last he has confined his operations to shoes, but with no better results, for another assignment has just been announced.

THE annual exhibition of the Industrial Exhibition Association will be held in this city during the fortnight from 9th to 21st September. Their prize list, just issued, is a neat pamphlet of 72 pages. Mr. John J. Withrow is president of the association, Mr. W. B. Hamilton chairman of finance. We are glad to observe that Mr. H. J. Hill, the manager and secretary, has been given an assistant in the person of Mr. A. W. Bell.

THE New York Retail Grocers' Association has created a fund for indemnifying its members for loss or temporary disablement of their horses. The scheme involves the payment of a small entrance fee and annual dues to the amount of 1½ per cent. of the value of stock insured. In return the insurer receives the amount of his insurance, in case of the animal's death or injury; limited to \$75 as the minimum and \$225 as the maximum figure at which he may insure his stock.

THE agitation against the mine store continues, and the men claim, says the *Coal Trade Journal*, that it should be abolished, for the following reasons: First, because it limits his output. Second, because having unfairly reduced his output it then unnecessarily reduces the rate per ton for mining. Third, because after reducing both his output and the price per ton for mining, it then unfairly taxes his scanty earnings by forcing him to pay extortionate prices for the necessities of life.

WE find the following in a British Columbia exchange, entitled "A Liberal Banker": A certain bank on Bellingham Bay likes to encourage new settlers in great shape. A few days ago a gentleman from Canada went there to locate, and by some oversight neglected, before leaving Victoria, to change the \$2,650 in Bank of British Columbia bills which he carried in his pocket book. Going to the said

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bank he endeavored to have the bills changed for greenbacks or gold. The modest banker offered to do so for him for the nice little sum of \$250. The man knew he could travel to Victoria and back for about \$15, so he refused to accept the b. b.'s generous offer and took the steamer for the royal city to change his money into gold, but probably found it necessary to go no further than Seattle.

THE Montreal Cafe Company, whose enterprise we have already noted, has chosen the well-known "Queen's" restaurant in that city for its first coffee-house, and it will open in a month. The shareholders met last week and chose the following gentlemen as directors: Mr. Edgar Judge, chairman; Mr. W. Stroud, treasurer; Messrs. A. C. Leslie, Walter Paul, F. W. Evans and James McBratney and the Rev. Dr. Antliff. Mr. E. M. The manager, was appointed secretary, *pro tem*.

AFTER making an assignment, which he did the other day, J. G. Van Norman, baker and grocer of Sault Ste. Marie, left rather suddenly for the United States, a step which would appear to indicate some truth in the rumour that his affairs are in a bad shape.—A demand for assignment has been made upon the Howard Paper Co. of this city.—Although O. Marshall, grocer at Wallaceburg, claimed a surplus of about \$1,500 in February last, he was thought to be worth very little, and has been assigned after a business career of two years.

A NEW HAVEN shoe dealer, has been fined \$20 and costs on a charge of using a lottery scheme in connection with his business. Persons purchasing the largest amount of goods between certain dates were to receive \$250 in gold, divided into premiums of \$50, \$40, etc., according to the relative size of the purchase. The dealer explained that the cards were simply a record of the amount of purchase. No duplicate was kept, nor could he tell, when the cards were returned to the store, the chance that a customer had to secure a premium. He could not see that when a customer had purchased goods he had an interest in the premiums. Whatever interest he had would be shown when all the cards were examined. The constitutionality of the law will, it is said, be decided by a high court.

IN the condensed sketch of the rise and progress of the house which appears this week over the signature of John Macdonald & Co. in various newspapers, are to be found stated some of the principles which animated this well-known dry goods firm, and some

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