

works of the Wareham, Mass., Company, have started up again with a full force of Canadian workmen. Five hundred and fifty carpenters in Troy, N. Y., have struck for a reduction of hours of labor on Saturday. Non-union men will be employed in their places. The plasterers of Detroit have struck for an advance from \$3 to \$3.50 per day. Work has been resumed in the Dobson Blanket Mills, Falls of Schuylkill, giving employment to 600 hands. The cloth mills are still idle. Large numbers of Hungarians, arriving at Wilkes Barre, will be employed in the mines at Nanticoke. The workmen at Painter's mill, Pittsburgh, resumed work Monday at reduced wages, with the understanding that if prices of iron improve their wages shall be increased. Meetings to encourage the Fall River strikers are being held and an appeal for further contributions for them has been issued.—Bradstreet.

### Be Careful to Whom You Consign Flour.

Millers should be well satisfied of the responsibility of city flour firms before consigning flour to them. It is not difficult to obtain information on the subject. An incident recently happened which carries its lesson with it. March 12, F. W. Pullen & Co., flour dealers at 132 Kinzie st., Chicago, were made defendants to a suit for a capias by the L. C. Porter Milling Company, of Winona, Minn. The plaintiff's attorney says that Pullen's method of doing business was to send out circulars to the various millers of the Northwest asking for samples of flour and upon receipt of a sample to order a car load "just like it." When asked for references he gave the name A. Goodrich, "his banker," giving the address of the lawyer by that name. The "banker" answered all inquiries as to the standing of the flour-firm by would-be consignors, by assuring them that the firm were worth \$20,000, and that he had perfect confidence in them. The Porter Company, on receiving an order for 125 barrels of flour, instructed their agent there, Leyden Porter, to look up the firm. Relying upon Pullen's assurance that he was worth \$15,000, Porter marked his application for flour at thirty days "O. K.," and the credit was given. When the note fell due another order for 125 barrels was received and honored, but the note returned with a request for further time. A week ago Pullen confessed judgment to A. Goodrich for \$1,500, and when the sheriff called to collect the judgment, the door was closed and the bird flown. Now the Porter Company wants Pullen arrested for obtaining goods under false pretences. Mrs. Selmar A. Hillyer began an attachment against Pullen on a draft for \$725 which he accepted but never paid. A number of country millers have been victimized by Pullen, and some of them will probably be heard from soon through the courts.—U. S. Miller.

### General Notes.

THE New York Tobacco Exchange is enlarging its seating capacity, and is in an excellent condition of prosperity. Memberships are quoted at \$190, with few offerings.

LAST year 1,275 miles of railroad were built in Canada, making a total of 8,805 miles in the

Dominion. The gross receipts of the roads increased \$4,216,796 in 1883.

THE stock of sugar in London the 5th inst. was 274,894 tons, against 213,185 tons the same date in 1883, showing an increase of 3,000 tons within a week. The English market is quoted dull.

It is proposed to introduce calls for tin plates on the New York Metal Exchange. The proposition is opposed by the largest firm of tin importers, who declare that they will take away their business from any broker who sanctions it. This, it is claimed, is an attitude savouring of the policy of the Standard Oil Company, and members very generally declare it will be resisted and the business pushed until the trade in plate is more free, as pig metal has become.

COAL men say there is not likely to be any restriction in production this month. It is desirable to make as good a showing as possible, especially for Reading, which has suffered the most from restriction. The total amount of bituminous coal sent to the Eastern market during the week ending March 29th amounted to 107,470 tons, compared with 103,125 tons for the corresponding week last year—an increase of 4,345 tons. The total amount of bituminous coal sent to Eastern markets thus far in 1884 has been 1,094,703 tons, against 1,150,559 tons for the same time last year—a decrease of 55,850 tons.

### PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.

Mr. J. M. Pratt is doing a lively business in seed wheat; he sold no less than 3,000 bushels last week.

Major McDonald has rented the store north of the Lorne House for his commission and implement business.

James Bowman, Inspector of Weights and Measures, has purchased C. G. Sparling's residence on McLennan street.

It is expected that McLennan's paper factory will commence running next week. The machinery has been thoroughly overhauled.

The Pratt Manufacturing Company were awarded another large contract by the Hudson Bay Company. It was for 5,000 lbs. of hard tack.

Mr. Thompson, from Stratford, who has been negotiating for the purchase of the oatmeal mills has returned home, not being able to come to terms with the proprietors.

### DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

The partnership heretofore existing between G. C. Read, G. M. Donaldson and J. F. Wood, under the name of Wood & Co., General Merchants, Keewatin Mills, was dissolved on March 11th, 1884. G. C. Read accepts all liabilities of said Company, and will carry on the business in future.

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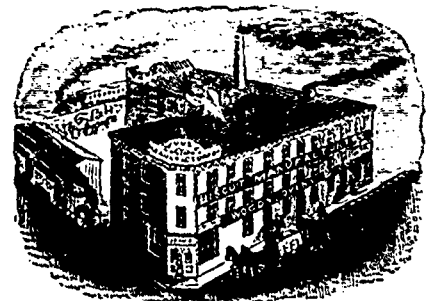
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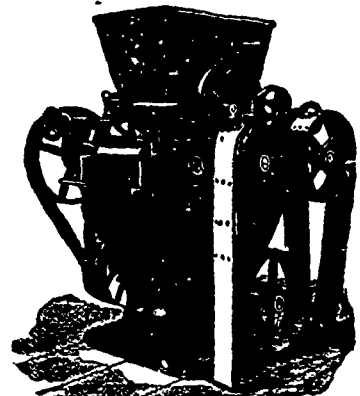


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