

WORK for the unemployed is offered by the chief contractor of the Western Counties Railway, of Nova Scotia. He wants 500 laborers at once at Digby, Weymouth and Yarmouth; wages, 80 cents to \$1.00 per day.

In addition to direct importations of sugars and teas by the merchants of our larger cities we now learn that Messrs. R. Watts & Co, of Brantford, have disposed of their own importations of sugar direct from Barbadoes, *ex* the "W. D. Stewart," and are now buying more in New York.

MESSRS. Burnette & Harrison, general dealers, Forest, Ont., against whom a writ of attachment is out as insolvents, make a statement, showing liabilities of \$1,500 and assets \$1,064. These assets are, Stock on hand \$550, good book accounts \$305, and bad or doubtful book accounts \$209.

THE opinion of Mr. Walter Shanley, to the effect that "the Government would commit a wrong in refusing the offer of \$200,000 per annum," for a lease of the Quebec, M. O. and Occidental R. R., is quoted by the *Quebec Chronicle*.

THE Inland Revenue district of Windsor which was lately re-arranged, is composed of Essex, Kent, Lambton, Bruce, Huron, Perth, Elgin, Middlesex, Waterloo, Norfolk and Oxford counties.

THE Province of Quebec has been divided into four districts—Montreal, Quebec, Three Rivers and Sherbrooke, and the territory assigned to each is consequently very large. The Mayor of Sherbrooke, Mr. E. Clarke, has been appointed Inspector of Weights and Measures for the Sherbrooke district.

THE Thames Navigation Company has been incorporated, its members are T. H. Smallman manufacturer; William Woodruff, Edward M. Moore, Thos. Wastie, engineer, and Isaac Waterman, manufacturer, all of London; capital \$20,000.

APPLICATION is made for the incorporation of the Stormont Cotton Manufacturing Company, capital \$50,000, head quarters, Cornwall, to manufacture grey domestic and other cotton goods. A. F. & R. L. Gault, of Montreal, merchants, and Samuel Finley, of Manchester, Sir Hugh Allan, M. H. Gault, insurance agent; D. Morrice, manufacturers' agent; and Samuel Hamilton Ewing, manufacturer, are the applicants.

THE Chaudiere Railway bridge, now being built, will be of iron: the length of the superstructure will be 2,050 feet. There are 12 spans of 150 feet and one of 250 feet, four abutments. A steam tug, nine barges, and 350 men are employed on the work, which is to be completed by January 1st.

As a little sample of how things sell in the Prairie Province, one Winnipeg man who leases a wood factory imports 300,000 feet of lumber per month from St Paul, and has just received from that city 1,000 ready-made window sashes, and 300 doors, for the yeomanry of the West who are getting the traditional

"little house well-filled, and little wife well-willed."

THAT a favorable impression was made abroad by the American exhibit at the Paris Exposition is shown by the fact that letters are received every week still by Commissioner-General McCormick from various parts of Europe, asking for information about various articles and commodities, their prices, and the addresses of the persons who had them on exhibition.

ON Monday last the shipment of peaches northward from Delaware and Maryland began. Six regular peach trains were started that day, 125 cars in all; 59 of them went to New York, 39 to Philadelphia and 10 to Boston. By Monday next, probably 200 cars daily will be shipped.

UPON notice of a reduction in their pay of 3 cents per box, or say 20c. daily from ordinary wages of 90 cents a day, per man, the workmen of the Springhill Mining Company in Nova Scotia struck on the 31st July, and are resolute not to yield. The mines are therefore shut down. As there is no scarcity of miners elsewhere, men will probably be brought from Cape Breton or New Glasgow to replace them.

THEODORE JASPER, a merchant tailor in Winnipeg, owes \$2,000, and has assets of \$2,300, but he wants to make some other settlement than the old-fashioned one, of 100c in the \$, and consults his creditors thereupon.

MESSRS. Robt. McLeod & Co., who were formerly lumberers at Guelph, but for five or six years have been dealing in pianos at London, drifted into difficulty, and called a meeting of their creditors for the 25th ult. Not succeeding in effecting satisfactory settlement they were attached on Monday last at the instance of Johnston's Bank, owing principally Mr. R. S. Williams, of Toronto.

THE vinegar works of L. D. Birely of Hamilton, have been in the custody of the Revenue authorities since May, for alleged improper practices by the foreman and proprietor. An attachment was issued on the 4th August, against the firm.

A contract has been awarded for carrying a mail between Benton and Fort Walsh once a week, and between Benton and Battleford once in three weeks. Haying had been begun in the neighborhood of Battleford on 14th ult., and crops of all kinds gave promise of an early and abundant harvest.

THE creditors of Mr. C. W. Vanderberg, a general dealer and saw miller up at Port Carling, Muskoka, are requested to meet on the 15th August to consider that gentleman's affairs, who was burned out some weeks ago, and has lately assigned.

THE directors of the Dairymen's Association of Western Ontario have decided to give Prof. L. B. Arnold's system of cheese making a thorough trial, and accordingly have engaged him to visit Ballantyne's factory at Beech Creek this week, and some other factories in Oxford county subsequently.

A MEETING was held on 31st July at Goderich of the creditors of M. Charlesworth & Co., merchant millers &c., Egmondville. There are 30 creditors, amounting to \$4,175, and mortgages on the mill property of \$5,300, to Consolidated Bank, Clinton, \$4,600, on bakery, \$1,200; Total \$15,275. The mill is valued at \$18,000, and the bakery, \$1,200. There were no creditors at the meeting, and the mill property is to be sold under the first mortgage on 13th inst.

CHICAGO wastes more water than any other city in the world. The Chicago Water Works furnish 60,000,000 gallons a day, or about 140 gallons for every man, woman and child in the city. More than one-third of the water is wasted, without being put to any use at all.

NORTH WEST items from the *Saskatchewan Herald*, include the following: A brick yard has been opened in Prince Albert. A general store is opened out at the same point by Messrs. Ashdown & Agnew, two young men well known in Winnipeg. A large settlement has been formed near Fort Ellice, and parties are organizing to locate at Touchwood Hills, where fine land abounds. A shop is to be opened at Edmonton very shortly, of which the proprietors will be Messrs. Villiers & Pearson, Winnipeg. The Hudsons' Bay Co. steamer "Lily" arrived at Battleford early in July and after delivering 900 bags flour and other freight left for Carlton; she passed up again, delivering 16,000 lbs freight for the H. B. post, and then steamed up river with Western outfits.

WRITS of attachment have been issued against R. C. Wilson, tailor, P. Doran, undertaker and furniture dealer, Dame Asilie Rouillard, trader, and J. R. Boyce, toys and fancy goods, all of Montreal; Boyce is mixed up in the kite-flying operations of Ascher & Co., but to what extent is not yet definitely known, as he appears to have thought it unnecessary to keep account of the paper which bore his signature. Joseph Cypriot. Sault au Recollet, attached.

MOST if not all sections of Kentucky have been benefited by the rainfall at the close of July, says the *Louisville Courier-Journal*. It broke the hot and dry spell, and saved the crop in some localities from irreparable injury. The tobaccamarket, which had been stiff, was thereafter quiet, but prices no lower. Fillery leaf had been steady in the last few days, following a further slight advance in the first half of the week. Bright fillers have been scarce and firm. Dark fillers steady. Cutting styles are stiff, but prices are little better than nominal. The sales of new crop to date amount to 18,878 hogsheads, against 40,756 in the corresponding period of last year.

SIXTY thousand pounds to the square inch tensile strain, is the test to which the iron is put which is used by the Toronto Bridge Company, now in full operation on King St. West, near the Central Prison. And all their iron is from the Londonderry Works, Nova Scotia. The opinion of Mr. Robinson, the Bridge Company's manager, as to the high quality of this iron is that it cannot be surpassed for tenacity and strength.