

MESSRS DODGE & Co. will raft 400,000 feet timber at Belleville this season.

MR. T. S. BELL, the oldest merchant in Blenheim, died in his 58th year last week.

MR. STEPHEN NAIRN, an old Torontonian, has been elected permanent chairman of the board of grain examiners in Winnipeg.

A BRANTFORD firm has sent forward to Glasgow and Liverpool during the past ten days ten car loads of cheese, valued at \$19,500.

Two additional brick storehouses having a capacity of 18,000 barrels of whiskey will be built by Hiram Walker & Sons, of Walkerville.

THREE townships in Eastern Algoma have been acquired by a wealthy American firm, which proposes cutting 50,000,000 feet of timber there next winter.

"How is that butter I sent you?" asked a Warwick grocer of a transient customer. "Better, thanks—gains strength every day." *Warwick Despatch.*

THE \$15,000 bankrupt stock of A. E. Blunden & Co., Sarnia, has been bought at auction by Keenleyside Bros., Sarnia, for 66c. on the dollar.

A LONDON, England firm offered on Saturday 2,500 shares, \$100 each, of the Commercial Bank of Manitoba at £22 per share, issued to meet the growing business of the bank.

ACCORDING to a cablegram of Monday last to Hon. J. A. Chapleau, the vice-president of the Credit Foncier Franco-Canadienne, Mr. Duclerc, president of the institution, died in Paris on Sunday.

A JOINT stock company is being formed to carry on the "Balmoral Hotel," Montreal, the late proprietors of which failed recently. Messrs. A. S. Ewing, Wm. Clendenning, D. L. Lockerby, J. M. Dufresne, and P. McCrory, have filed an application for a charter; proposed capital \$100,000.

A LADY bought some maple sugar in the Bonsecours market, Montreal, last week, and on taking it home and boiling it down, found half of it to be sawdust. Hearing of this, the medical health officer, Dr. Laberg, caused samples to be procured from many stalls in the market and tested them, but found them all free from adulteration.

THE retail grocers of Montreal are preparing with enthusiasm for their annual picnic, which is to be held at St. Jerome on 15th August. A meeting of the games committee was held on Monday at the store of Mr. John Robertson, chairman. An attractive programme of games was arranged for, and some splendid prizes selected for the different events.

A BUILDING of brick is being erected at Walkerville for the Barnum Wire and Iron Works 100 x 128 feet and two storeys high. The works will include brass and iron foundries. Near by the works is a long terrace of dwellings intended for the workmen. Walker & Sons do the whole work of erecting the building.

In the Province of Quebec, says the St. John's News of last Friday, haying is making good progress, and a good average crop is being taken in. The Richmond Guardian says: "It is now certain that the hay crop is going to be a very good one, and of very good quality. The farmers round here are mostly all at work harvesting it."

An important but rather unexpected failure is that of Ross, Haskell & Campbell, wholesale dealers in smallwares and fancy goods, Montreal. They commenced on a modest scale about eight or ten years ago, gradually extend-

ing their business in what was supposed to be a careful way, and were generally believed to have a good and profitable trade in their special lines. On Monday last they made an assignment, the direct liabilities being stated at \$76,000 odd, indirect about \$43,000. A meeting is to be held this week, but it is not known whether an offer will be submitted or not.

THE Municipal Council of Rat Portage has sent us a pink pamphlet of 30 pages descriptive of that place, Rainy River District, and the Islands of the Lake of the Woods as a summer resort. From the illustrations one may gather that there is much that is picturesque in that neighbourhood. The contrast of the town's streets in 1882 with those in 1888 is striking.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Halifax Chronicle draws attention to a feature of the fishing industry in that province. He says the system prevails amongst fish merchants in Nova Scotia of buying large quantities of dry fish from St. Pierre, importing them into Halifax, Lunenburg, etc., and afterwards exporting them to a foreign market, escaping the payment of duty imposed on these fish by handling them in bond.

A MIDSUMMER hint to retailers is contained in the following from the *American Grocer*: Keep molasses and syrup measures boxed; the cheese knife clean and covered; the eggs screened, and the dry fruit in a cool, dry place and well covered. During the hot season the appetite of most people is capricious and needs coaxing. Therefore, remember there is nothing which will drive it away quicker than a sticky-looking store and fly specked goods.

IN Bervie, Geo. Garbut, a tailor, has assigned after a brief career on his own account.—Mrs. French, a London grocer, is offering to compromise; and so are A. Stanton & Co., coal dealers in the same city.—Wm. Connolly, a grocer in Toronto, has assigned. He commenced store keeping in 1879 and was thought to be doing well.—A well-known house-furnishing firm, J. M. Strathern & Co., also of this city, has failed. Their statement gives promise of a good dividend.

WORK on the Polson shipyard, at Owen Sound, has been commenced. The buildings, says the *Times*, are to be on a very extensive scale, and will comprise a machine shop, 260 feet by 60 feet; furnace building, 160 feet by 60 feet; wood-working shop, 240 feet by 40 feet, besides blacksmiths' shops, offices, etc. Five car-loads of machinery plant are now on the way, and the material for the C. P. R.'s new steamer has all been ordered from Scotland. It is expected to reach Owen Sound about the 1st of August, when about 300 men will be employed in the yard. The premises are about nine acres in extent, with a frontage on the bay of about 900 feet.

THE sudden death, in Montreal, of Mr. John Ogilvie, of the well-known milling firm of A. W. Ogilvie & Co., has caused general regret in that city, and indeed wherever the deceased gentleman was known. Mr. Ogilvie was a comparatively young man, in his fifty-fourth year, we believe, and his appearance indicated a longer span of life, but heart disease carried him off at an early hour on Monday. No one who had met the deceased failed to be impressed with his genuine good qualities of heart and head. He was a staunch friend, a shrewd and long-sighted business man, a loyal and enterprising native Canadian. His solidity of character made his views respected on 'Change, and his integrity was a factor, as well as his cool head, in the success of his firm

and the reputation and success it has achieved. The Corn Exchange of Montreal passed resolutions of regret at Mr. Ogilvie's death and adjourned for a day out of respect to his memory.

A YANKEE sharper successfully swindled the well-known grocery firm of James Scott & Co., Halifax, a few days ago. Representing himself to be the owner of the yacht "Electra," he engaged rooms for about twenty persons at the Halifax Hotel, and getting a receipt for a piano purchased by a bogus cheque, but which was not delivered pending certification of the cheque, he purchased supplies to the extent of \$1,300 and paid for them by a bogus bank draft on New York for \$2,000, getting the balance in cash. The groceries were not taken, but the thief got off with the \$700, and all the city laughs at the clumsy way in which the grocery firm allowed itself to be duped.

AFTER a year's experience, the firm of Dease & Harris, dealers in hardware at Essex Centre, was dissolved a few weeks ago. Mr. Dease continued the business, but has now assigned. He had little means of his own, but was said to be backed by some well-to-do farmers of the district.—A few years ago Geo. Andrews made a rather bad failure in dry goods at Guelph, since which time his wife has carried on the business. A second failure is just announced.—The rather rapid financial downfall of D. J. Kelly, a Parkdale coal dealer, is hard to account for. He came from Hamilton about the beginning of the year, and was said to be worth from \$9,000 to \$10,000. The sheriff is now in possession of his place at the instance of the landlord.

J. S. BAILEY, a jobbing carpenter in this city, not long ago commenced the manufacture of refrigerators. He has just made an assignment with liabilities of \$5,000 and assets \$3,000.—When Wm. Truesdale, a grocer at Waterford, began business there last fall, the local prophets predicted a short career in his case, for the reason that the business stand was a poor one, his capital inadequate, and altogether the outlook discouraging. He has assigned.—A general dealer at Bath, D. T. Rowse, has failed. He began business about fifteen years ago and had the reputation of giving considerable credit.—Two traders in Galt, P. Beswick, tailor, and John Braid, crockery, have assigned.

THE enlargement of the seed warehouse of Messrs. Steele Brothers & Co., on Front street in this city, is coincident with the amalgamation of the seed business of Mr. W. H. Maroon, of Guelph, with that of the Toronto house first named, and the formation of a joint-stock company to carry on, under one roof, the business formerly done by two firms in two

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