

THE weavers at the Valleyfield cotton mills have struck for increased pay. The proprietors have closed the mills and are resolved on keeping them closed till the strikers resume at former terms.

ANOTHER groceries trade sale is about to be held in Montreal, at the warehouses of Messrs. John Osborn, Son & Co. on Wednesday of next week.

THE summer freight rates are in force on the Prince Edward County Railway (Ont.)  $3\frac{1}{2}$  cents per cental for grain in car lots and  $8\frac{1}{2}$  cents per barrel for flour between Trenton and Picton.

MR. ROSAMOND, of Almonte, proposes to utilize a water power and an old saw mill building in that place for the manufacture of worsted yarns. The requisite capital is said to be promised.

THE strike at the Hudon Cotton Mills, Hochelaga, is virtually at an end, most of the operative having returned to work on employers' terms; about fifty of the best hands, however, have left for the States.

THE new iron bridge at Sherbrooke has been inspected on Saturday last on behalf of the city authorities, and pronounced satisfactory. We understand it is the intention to concrete the road-bed over the bridge.

THE well known retail grocery house of Mc-Gibbon and Baird, Montreal, announce a dissolution. This step follows their recent determination to go out of business, quietly liquidating. Their stock has been purchased by J. K. Urquhart, who will continue the business.

THE Berlin paper-box factory of Messrs. A. & C. Boehmer is in full operation, and have an order for 20,000 boxes from Schofield & Co., of Hespeler, weavers. The *News* adds that a manufacture of scarfs, clouds, and other knitted woollens is about being established.

THE Dexter-Whitwam manufacturing Company, of St. Thomas, are still shipping tool-handles to Birmingham, England, and, according to the *Times*, the shipments of oatmeal from that town the past season exceeded those of any previous year.

R. RUSSELL, of the Russell Hotel, Orillia, has been arrested at the instance of some of his creditors, on the presumption that he purposed leaving that town with more than his share of the proceeds of his business.

MESSRS. Wilcox and Forsyth, general storekeepers at St. George, Ont., have been granted an extension of time of 3, 6, 9, 12 and 14 months on liabilities of \$8,000. The estate shows a surplus of \$1,500.

THE Grand Junction R. R. Co., refuse to accept the Belleville debentures for their \$50,000 bonus, which bear interest from the present month, claiming that they should bear interest from December 31st, 1876. They have taken proceedings in Chancery to enforce their contentions.

THE New Brunswick local government, by resolution last week, asked for \$75,000 to erect new parliament buildings at Fredericton, the

proposal to remove the seat of government to St. John, being defeated on vote by a majority of one. The supplementary estimates included \$15,000 for the provincial exhibition at St. John this year.

TRURO, N.S. now has assessable property to the value of about \$1,000,000 and the population is about 4000. The Mayor, Mr. Longworth, announces that all the town's arrears are paid, and the arrears of former years have been paid off to amount of \$2000; beginning the new year with a clear sheet and a lessened assessment.

ANOTHER company for the manufacture of silks has been formed in Montreal under the title of "The Canada Silk Company," with a capital of \$50,000. Messrs. A. M. Foster, Charles Bailie, and Wm. Minto of Montreal, and W. B. Foster of Toronto, are the promoters.

MESSRS. William, William C., and James F. Pape, C. Wesselhoeft, E. B. Callender of Boston, and Alfred Earnshaw of Philadelphia, with Alfred Markham, of N.B. have filed papers to form the Queen Manganese Mining Co., at Sussex, New Brunswick, the capital to be \$500,000, in shares of \$50 each, head quarters to be at the mines, Sussex parish, N. B.

W. M. S. HAMMOND, Jno. F. Lynch, and E. P. Adams of Boston, C.A. Stockton of St. John N. B. and Jno. Mc. Callum of Fredericton, desire incorporation under the Company name of the Lake George Antimony Mining and Smelting Company, at St. John, N. B. the Capital to be \$500,000 in shares of \$5 each

PROMINENT residents of Staten Island, a beautiful suburb of New York, are projecting a railway to connect the various villages on the island, in such wise that the swift ferry boats which now ply to various points from the city, may load their passengers, who are gathered by the proposed railway, at the most convenient port, and so facilitate their transport to Gotham. The road is to be called the "Rapid Transit R. R. Co.," and its President is a well-known Canadian, Mr. E. Wiman, of Dun, Wiman & Co.

THE business of the port of Liverpool, G. B., may be inferred from the following statistics, for the fiscal year ending July 1st, 1879. The total tonnage accommodated in the port for the twelve months reached the immense aggregate of 7,034,356 tons. Out of a total revenue of \$3,470,000 by dock and tonnage rates on vessels from all parts of the world, \$1,660,000 was received from those trading with the United States. One dock yielded a revenue of \$550,000 upon a tonnage of 776,563 tons.

THE mineral districts of Central Ontario afford some recent rich returns. A location situated on lot 3 in the 9th con., of Palmerston, the deposit consisting of a large dyke rising 75 feet out of the low ground, 100 feet in width and half a mile in length, appears to be a mass of iron ore. A branch line has been built from the Kingston & Pembroke R. and about 2000 tons of ore taken out, 100 men are now employed on the mine and in building the branch and the owners intend to take out about 200 tons per day. The mine is now valued at \$100,000. On the Cald-

well mine on lot 4 in the 12th con., Lavant, 700 tons of ore was taken out during the past winter.

UNTIL October last, quite an extensive retail hardware business was done in Walkerton by Messrs. McGregor Bros., but about that time their banker curtailed their credit, which might have been a kindness had it been done sooner. Now, they are asking for an extension of time. Their estate shows a surplus and it is more than likely that they will get the time required. Mr. J. H. Notter, grocer, of the same place is endeavoring to compromise by paying half the amount of his liabilities. This his principal creditors have expressed their willingness to accept.

CHANGES among traders in the Maritime provinces include the following: Robt. Bayard, commission merchant, St. John, has assigned, and C. H. Barbour, milliner, offers 15 cents in the dollar. Dissolutions are announced by Upham & Tucker, flour dealers at Amherst, and Locke & Johnston, general dealers at Lockeport, N. S. Fields & Archibald, wood workers at Truro, have sold out.

A GROCERY business was attempted in Picton, Ont., last summer, by a couple of men, formerly farmers, named Wood and Van Blaricom, the latter of whom we believe furnished the means to begin. A short time ago they sold out their liquor business to Fralick & Mulholland, who, however, could not get the license for its sale renewed. It now appears that Van B. is absent, and he is presumed to have gone to the States, and taken with him what money he could get out of the concern. It may perhaps be to the credit of Picton, that Chas. A. McDonald, formerly in the liquor business in the same place, cannot succeed, and is applying for a settlement at 10c in the dollar.

The love-sick Count Orsino in Shakspeare's *Twelfth Night* sighs and says "If music be the soul of love, play on, give me excess of it." We are not told that love is stimulating the manufacture of the Dominion Organ Co's. instruments but that its business is increasing may be gathered from the fact that the sales for 1879 reached over \$100,000, while those for the year 1875 were only \$35,000. The company's pay roll amounts to \$40,000 per annum.

THE fact that there are too many people engaged in selling goods in this Canada of ours, appears to be impressing itself upon the minds of not a few traders. We observe this week that one dry goods dealer, three grocers, and two shoe dealers in the Province of Ontario advertise to sell their stocks and give up business. There are, besides, one stationer, two grocers, and a general dealer, in the same province, who have sold out to persons definitely named. This implies that the new comers have faith, whether or not they possess experience. Let us hope their experience may not be the ordinary bitter one.

THE County of Waterloo is doing an active business in the manufacture of goods for Manitoba and the North-West. For example, Messrs. Merner & Co., of Waterloo, shipped