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A MEETING of the General Freight Agents of Canada has been called to consider the best means of adopting a uniform classification for freight throughout the Dominion.

Duning last month there were 212 patents issued in Canada. The number issued during the half-year ended the 30th June, ult., was 949. The fees received during the half-year. amounted to \$36,589.68.

Duning the past fortnight marine affairs at Toronto have considerably improved. Rates are steadily advancing, all the vessels in port are getting charters, and coal from the American side is coming in freely.

THE Ontario Pacific Railway Co., it is said, purpose asking the City of Ottawa for a bonus of \$50,000, out of consideration of their deflecting their line so as to run in close proximity to the city.

It is reported that several deposits of coal have recently been found in the Ottawa Valley. The discoverers are reticent as to the locality of the deposits, but show samples said to have been taken from them.

Tue Ottawa City Council appear to be moving forward in the matter of manufacturing industries; by-laws were read a second time at their last meeting, granting bonuses of \$5,000 to the Ottawa Brush Company, \$10,000 to Chevalier & Son, shoe manufacturers, and \$5,-000 to McFarlane Bros., iron founders.

THE dry goods stock of Mark T. Rogers, of Napance, has been sold by the Sheriff to Mr. John Henry. The greater part of the estate is said to have been previously consumed in satisfying the judgments of three creditors, principal among whom was Rogers father-inlaw. The general creditors get little or nothing.

THE cotton supply of the United States this year promises to greatly exceed that of last year; the visible supply, according to the New York Chronicle of Saturday last, at present is 2,322,934 bales, a decrease from the previous week of 87,152 bales, and, as compared with the like date lats year, an increase of 379,000 bales.