

It is said a button factory is to be established in Oxford, Cumberland Co., N.B., shortly, for the manufacture of buttons from vegetable ivory.

J. T. & F. H. WARRINGTON, of Belleville, shipped to England this week 20 carloads of cheese, making their total exports from Canada for the season of 1889 over 150,000 boxes.

We observe that Messrs. H. A. Nelson & Son, of Montreal, have notified the lacrosse players of the Maritime Provinces that they are prepared to present a silver cup to the champion club down that direction next season.

A MILLINER at St. John's, Que., Miss M. Poirer, has compromised liabilities of \$3,000 at 35 cents on the dollar.—W. Farquharson, tailor, Montreal, called a meeting of his creditors the other day, and made a proposition to pay them 50 cents on the dollar. He owes about \$8,000.

JOHN JACOB ASTOR died on Saturday last in New York. He was enormously rich, worth perhaps \$150,000,000, but apart from his being the founder of the Astor library, which Washington Irving got him to do, he was not otherwise distinguished. His father while a fur trader in the North-West laid the foundation of this great fortune.

THE Grank Trunk is adopting a novelty that all travellers will appreciate. This is a station indicator. In one end of the car is a box filled with cards containing the name of each station on the route. When a train starts out a cord attached to a lever in the box is pulled, and a card drops into view showing the name of the next station.

The first direct shipment of Chicago beef to Moncton, N.B., arrived there the other day. The car contained 45 carcasses, weighing 20,256 pounds. It made the quickest run from Chicago on record, shipped on the morning of the 13th, and arrived in Moncton on the evening of the 18th, being but five days in transit. The beef, says the *Times*, is reported to be of a very fine quality.

It is said that the late Senator Macdonald at one time applied for a situation in Mr. Bourchier's store at Sutton. He could not get the "sit" and so went back again to Toronto. It is strange on what a small incident the life of a person will turn. Had he obtained the situation it is possible he might have been a resident of Sutton until his death. He was the kind of man, however, who would have made his mark in any situation.—*Reformer*.

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A FURNITURE dealer in Quebec city, Louis Poire, has assigned on demand of a local hardware firm. His liabilities are small, and due nearly altogether in Quebec.—C. Beaulieu, a tailor on a small scale in the same city, has also assigned.—John Griffith, a general dealer at Carmel Hill, Que., has assigned with liabilities of \$5,600. He was unfortunate in being burnt out two years ago at Danby, by which he suffered some loss.

S. F. BINGHAM & Co., formerly of Chelsea, Que., and who opened at Oxford Mills, Ont., in the spring of 1889, have got into a cramped position through lack of capital and poor trade. They are seeking indulgence from their creditors.—Another farmer made shipwreck! N. Theroux, of St. David, Quebec, sold his farm three years ago for \$1,800, and engaged in the grocery business. He has now assigned with liabilities of \$2,000.

SEVEN or eight merchants of Petrolea have had goods removed from the front of their places of business recently. The *Advertiser* catalogues the thefts in this fashion:—Geo. Primmer, twenty-three cans of oysters; C. Matson, thirteen dozen of eggs and three dozen oranges; E. McDermand, one pair of boots; M. Mann, one caddy of tobacco; R. Green, two pair of overalls; A. Scarsbrook, twelve cans of oysters; A. F. Rose, one ham of pork.

THE convention of Manitoba and North-west retail merchants, referred to last week, will be held in Winnipeg, commencing March 3rd, and will last three days. It is expected that there will be a large attendance. Questions affecting the retail business, such as the present credit system, butter and egg trade, and other similar matters, will be discussed. A committee of Winnipeg retailers and a committee of the Board of Trade will probably be associated with the convention.

COL. FORSYTH, said by the *Ottawa Citizen* to be one of the most extensively interested capitalists of Quebec in the lumbering business, considers the lumbering industry to be in a healthy state in that province generally. On the St. Maurice and other rivers in the eastern districts the cut of spruce logs will be fully up to the average this year, while the production of pine may possibly be somewhat less. Many merchants are now in Europe making contracts for the coming season; these report very fair prices, with freights likely to be slightly lower than the closing figures of last season.

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THE *Edmonton Bulletin*, Northern Alberta, says: "Fur is not coming in so liberally as usual at this season of the year. The fall catch was very light, owing to the fall of snow. Beaver have been particularly scarce, and lynx nearly as much so. Coyotes and foxes—black as well as red—are more numerous than usual. There has been a fair catch of fisher and bear. At present, prices are generally from 15 to 40 per cent. lower than at this time last year, and advices indicate the possibility of a still further decline."

A SMALL general dealer at St. Marcel, Que., N. Godbout by name, is reported failed. He began about six years ago, and compromised once before at 50 cents on the dollar.—E. & Z. Durocher, a firm of threshing machine manufacturers at Iberville, Que., have got into embarrassed shape. A meeting of their creditors has been ordered by the court for the 26th inst.—M. Matheson, a general store-keeper at Lake Megantic, whose business success has been an open question for some time past, is offering his creditors 75 cents on the dollar.

In the death of John L. Cassidy at the age of 64, the business community of Montreal loses one who was in a sense a landmark. He was born in a village of Quebec, and removed when young to the city, along with his brother, a well-known lawyer. As clerk, traveller, partner with Hon. Louis Renaud, and finally proprietor of a large crockery business, he spent an active commercial life. Mr. Cassidy showed characteristics of Gallic and Celtic descent in his bustling habits, his active enterprise, in suavity of disposition and generous impulses. He was long a director of La Banque Jacques Cartier, and was one of the best known and best liked figures on St. Paul street.

A ST. PAUL merchant gives the following as the reason why he cut a piece of goods in two and sold one portion at a high and the other at a low price: "Twenty-five years ago I was sub-clerk in a general store in Kalamazoo, Mich. The head salesman sent me down stairs into the grocery department to do up a pound of tea for a prominent social leader. In forty-five minutes it came back from the house with orders to change it. What does that head salesman do but shake the tea out of the brown paper, do it up in silk tea paper, tie it with a colored cord and send it back to the lady. It stayed this time, and she afterward told me that that was the kind of tea she always wanted to fill her orders."

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