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THE big but not handsome whaleback steamer "Pathfinder" was launched at Duluth, Minn., a week ago. She is 340 feet long and 42 feet wide, and carries a tremendous load.

A FIRM at St. George, New Brunswick, has purchased the Matheson granite property of 900 acres there, and intends to open up a quarry of the well-known New Brunswick granite.

THE by-law to grant \$70,000 to the Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Railway was voted on in Brantford a week ago, with a result of 766 votes for and 519 against, showing a majority of 247 for the by-law. The total number of qualified voters on the roll is 2,040.

BOTH the "City of Paris" and the "City of New York," the splendid trans-Atlantic steamers of the Inman Line, have been purchased by the International Navigation Company, will be admitted to American Registry, and will fly the United States instead of the British flag.

THE Montreal Star understands that in California there are three beet sugar factories working under a Government bonus of two cents a pound. Last year they planted 4,192 acres in beets, and turned out 8,175,438 pounds of sugar. This year the acreage has been increased to 9,814.

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A DUNDAS firm has made shipment of a quantity of Ontario malt to the West Indian island of San Domingo.

In New Westminster a joint stock concern named the Mechanics Mill Company is in difficulty. Several judgments have been obtained against it, and the sheriff has advertised some of its lands for sale.

THE Fraser Institute in Montreal is in luck. Mr. John Henry Molson has presented it with \$5,000, and by the will of the late Rev. Fred. Frothingham \$25,000 has been left to it. This sum the directors will expend in increasing the library and in paying the purchase price of the Institute building at the corner of Dorchester and University streets. Accordingly an order has been sent to England for \$10,000 worth of the latest English and French publications.

MR. FENWICK UMPLEBY, designer in the Auburn Woollen Mills at Peterboro' for the past two years, being about to leave for Gilbertsville, Mass., to become head designer in one of the leading woollen mills of America, invited a number of his fellow employees to his house last week to spend a social hour together. The men thought it a good time to surprise him, so they presented him with an address and a gold-headed cane.

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THE employees of the St. John wholesale dry goods firm, Manchester, Robertson & Allison, presented a silver epergne to Mr. Jas. F. Robertson of that firm, to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of that gentleman's marriage.

A STATEMENT to the Treasury Department of the United States makes the production of tin andterne plates for the quarter ending June 30, 1892, over 8,000,000 pounds, as against 3,004,087 pounds during the previous quarter, and about 5,240,000 pounds for the previous nine months, the total production for the whole year being 13,240,830 pounds. Of the quantity produced during the last quarter, over 5,000,000 pounds were made from American black plates.

IT is about ten years since Adam Hunter began as a bookseller in Hamilton. Early in the year 1889 Peter H. Grant was admitted a partner, investing \$3,000 received from his father's estate, and the style of the firm was then changed to Hunter, Grant & Co. The firm was not prosperous, for in September of last year they found it necessary to consult creditors. Their statement at that time showed assets of \$10,400, with liabilities slightly in excess of this sum. An offer of 35 per cent. cash or 40 per cent. on time was accepted. Now they make an assignment.

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