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A MEETING of the principal railway men representing all the railway lines west of Chicago, including representatives of the Mississippi iron steamboat lines, was held in Chicago on the 4th inst. A schedule of rates was adopted, increasing the tariff on all the principal lines to Chicago from 5 to 25 per cent. over the old rates.

A WOOL circular, dated Port Elizabeth, Cape Good Hope, June 20, 1874, reports sales of a large parcel of wool for Canada, and notes the charter of the German brig "Geo. V. Von Finiche" to convey it hence. We also notice the clearance from that port on June 9 of the "Queen of the North" for Montreal with 1,451 bales of wool. The quotations of these shipments were at 7½ to 7¾ per lb.

THE inhabitants along the shores of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, anywhere between Gaspé and Picton are finding some advantage in opposition as far as freights on their goods or breadstuffs are concerned. Besides the regular Gulf Port Steamship Company's steamers, there are those of the Mitchell Line, those of the Shaw Line of wooden propellers, and the Flamboro and other steamers. Freights have gone down as a consequence, and flour is now carried for 15c per bbl., where it was never carried before for less than 30c, and where the fall rates have been as high at 65c to 70c per barrel.

It takes a small thing to divert the bulls and bears of Wall St. as the following from the *Journal of Commerce* of Wednesday will show:—The brokers gave themselves a great deal of amusement to-day on account of the discovery of a grasshopper in the Stock Exchange. He was seized as a vicious intruder, and a brave man pinioned him to the wall with a brass pin, among the Northwestern specula-

tors, while gifted orators descanted upon the unhappiness of his advent. He was hailed as a spy, scout and forerunner of the swarm that carried the bissom of destruction into Minnesota, and amid the general confusion Northwest stock was sold down 1½ per cent.

A WELL posted party in New York says the following paragraph photographs the condition of trade in that city. "There is an apparent increase of activity in most commercial departments. The return of local dealers, and the recent arrivals of merchants from the interior indicates a preparation for the autumn traffic. In the dry goods department the sales to package buyers from the Western cities have been liberal, and there has been a decided improvement in the general distributing trade. The crop reports from nearly all sections of the country are encouraging, and the prospects are looked upon as favourable for a satisfactory season's business."

A MEETING of the manufacturers of the Province was held in Hamilton on Wednesday, the 12th inst., for the purpose of discussing the Reciprocity Treaty. All the leading interests were represented, and the discussion was conducted with considerable ability, which will, no doubt, result in good. A committee was appointed to report on the merits of the Treaty generally, from the machinery sections and others therewith grouped, Mr. D. F. Jones and Mr. Robert McKechnie; boots and shoes, Mr. W. B. Hamilton and Mr. Samuel Sterling; woollens, Mr. Alex. Fraser and Mr. James Watson; cottons, Mr. G. H. Gillespie and Mr. Donald McKay, Mr. Cowan to act for Mr. McKay if the latter be absent; paper, books, &c., Mr. J. R. Barber; flax and similar manufactures, Mr. Wm. Copeland; cabinetware, Mr. Joseph Hoodless and Mr. John Brown; carriage work,

Mr. Wm. Kew. The Central Committee were to meet in the Board of Trade room yesterday, to prepare a general report. The meeting was continued on Thursday.

VARIOUS parts of the Gulf of St. Lawrence were dredged last year with the view of determining the oyster beds of Canada. Further operations of the same kind will likely be carried on this year, when valuable information will likely be gleaned, and needful legislation based upon it for the purpose of preserving and propagating the bi-valves. Mr. Whiteaves, who conducted the survey, thinks that the beds lie mainly in shallow water, say three fathoms, though found up to seven fathoms in depth. They are found in every river and tidal bay in Prince Edward Island, in Cape Breton along Bras d'or lake and its tributaries; in New Brunswick along the entire coast, and in Nova Scotia in several harbors on the Atlantic coast, as also in Pictou harbor and elsewhere in Northumberland Strait, but they will not live in the Bay of Fundy. Perhaps, because of the extraordinary tides. The present order in council preventing the raking of oyster beds from June to 1st September is deemed insufficient to protect the beds. It is considered desirable to reserve as in France and Ireland, cerportions of each bed free from raking for a whole year, and beds newly planted should not be disturbed for two or three years.

THE following is a list of the Assignments made in Ontario to the 9th inst.—George A. Post, Northfield; Jno. Skinner, Parkhill; Robt. Morris, Watford; Peter Stover, Sombra; T. Enright, Perth; Cadotte & Carroll, Lindsay; Thos. B. Stephenson, Tp. London; Robt. Adair, Newbury; Joseph King, Yorkville; Mr. A. Boyd, Smiths Falls; David Al-