

vention, of crime—the protection of person and property entrusted to his charge.”

A CHRISTMAS greeting to our subscribers! To many, Tuesday next will be the eleventh Christmas which has found them our readers; to others it will be the first. We wish them each and all, health, prosperity and A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

THE receipts of through grain at the Northern Railway elevator at Collingwood for last month were: Corn, 171,293 bushels; wheat, 73,711 bushels; total, 245,014. Amount previously reported, 1,114,370; total receipts for the season, 1,359,384.

SECRETARY SHERMAN does not commit himself to the principle of free ships, but takes a cautious step in that direction. He recommends that “Every encouragement should be given to the increase of commerce in vessels of American ownership that can be prudently afforded, by modifying existing law in those respects in which it is a burden upon such commerce.”

TROUBLES continue to exist between the South Eastern and the Passumpsic Railway Companies on the line of the Missisquoi and Clyde River Road in Brome, Que. The first named company is running that part of the road on Canadian territory, and the American Company that portion south of the border. A force of volunteers were on the 15th inst., guarding the track, at Masonville.

At the annual meeting of the Mercantile Fire Insurance Co., in Waterloo, Ont., on Wednesday of last week, the following board of directors was chosen:—Messrs. I. E. Bowman, J. B. Snyder, D. S. Bowlby, J. W. Walden, J. B. Hughes, John Shuh, W. Robinson, R. Melvin, Cyrus Bowers.

MR. JOSEPH DOUTRE, Q. C., counsel for Canada in the late arbitration upon the Canadian fisheries claim, is of the opinion that if Canadians were better acquainted with the inexhaustible wealth of which they are possessors in their fisheries, the United States would not get much room for exploring in our waters. Mr. Doutre purposes to send a copy of the proceedings before the Commission to the Law University for study and reference.

MR. D. MAXWELL, of Paris, Ont., has sold a good number of his prize straw-cutters in Wisconsin and New York State, and has lately completed an order from Australia for about \$5000 worth of his manufactures.

A DOCTOR who knew the late Mr. Vanderbilt for forty-seven years, testifies that the Commodore was a sufferer from heart disease, from hernia, from hemorrhoids, from chronic cystitis, from dyspepsia, and from dropsy consequent upon the heart disease; that by a railroad accident he had the ends of several fractured ribs driven like daggers into his lungs, which caused him a severe pleuro pneumonia three years later, and that he suffered from repeated attacks of fever and ague. This is the physical record of one of the commercial giants of his time.

THE river Restigouche was frozen over at Campbellton, N. B., on the 10th inst., and has remained closed since, according to St. John papers of 18th inst.

It is stated on the authority of Mr. Leavitt, the general ticket agent, that the passenger traffic on the European and North American Railway in New Brunswick was ten per cent. greater in November this year than last.

ONE of the contractors for the new police building in St. John, N. B., Charles Cutter by name, absconded last week after collecting some \$4,000 of monies due the firm. His partner, S. Potter, was placed in gaol by sub-contractors and other creditors when Cutter's absence was learned. The latter was arrested at Calais on Monday last. The firm had contracts for the erection of about a dozen buildings in that city.

THE polling in this city yesterday on the proposed by-law granting a bonus of \$300,000 to the Toronto and Ottawa Railway Co., resulted in the defeat of the scheme by nearly 2,000 votes.

THE import of New Brunswick deals into Great Britain, says Farnsworth and Jardine's circulars, from the 28th of January to the 1st of December amounted to 6,732,408 pieces, against 5,984,577 pieces in 1876; and 5,526,935 in 1875. The consumption of spruce deals in the same period was 81,341 standards against 79,168 standards in 1876.

THE Peterboro Board of Trade has been discussing the advisability of affiliating with the Dominion Board, and being represented at its coming meeting.

THE principal failures for the week are those of Messrs. Furner, Livingston & Co., wholesale millinery; T. Cowie & Co., founders; Wm. Ogilvie, dry goods, Hamilton; Alex. Howell, implements, Brantford; Wm. McIntosh, grocer, Lucknow; J. L. Campbell, St. Thomas, and A. D. Thompson, Barrie; Adam Nisbet, Lynden, lumbermen; J. P. Lawrence tailor, Ottawa; J. H. F. Randolph, grocer, Fredericton, N. B.; W. Allard & Co., flour, Pictou, N. S.; J. B. Allaire, implements, Montreal, and the following general dealers: C. & J. McArthur, Priceville; John World, Orillia; Thompson & Stewart, Oxford, N. S.; J. A. McHardy, Drummondville, Que.

TORONTO AND NIPISSING AND LAKE SIMCOE JUNCTION RAILWAYS.—Traffic receipts for week ending 7th December, 1887 are: From Passengers, \$1,421.70; Freight, \$2,762.89; Mails and sundries, \$243.75; total receipts for current week, \$4,427.84; corresponding week, 1876, \$4,116.15; increase \$311.69; total traffic to date, 1877, \$91,271.49; do., 1876, \$95,643.93; Decrease, \$4,372.44.

## Bank of British North America.

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The Court of Directors her-by give notice that a half-yearly dividend at the rate of twenty-five shillings per share on the Capital of the Bank, will be payable on the

Fifth day of January, 1878,

to the proprietors of shares registered in the Colonies.

The Dividend will be payable at the rate of exchange current on the 5th day of January, 1878, to be fixed by the Managers.

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