



THE BRITISH Columbia coal mines yielded 84,000 tons in 1877, 171,000 tons in 1878, and 241,000 tons in 1879. The export to foreign ports for 1879 amounted to 173,789 tons, valued at \$586,009, an increase of 28,000 tons over the previous year.

THE ONTARIO Cane Sugar Company has been duly incorporated by the issue of letters patent. The Company is to n anulacture syrup and sugar and to raise and buy and sell, incidentally to their business, cane, sorghum and cornstalks. The capital stock consists of 50 shares of \$100 each, \$5,000.

AUDITOR NEEDLES, of the State of Illinois, replying to a question as to co-operative life insurance, says: "I have no statistics to enable me to determine the relative cheapness of the two plans, for, when the element of certainty of benefits is wanting, as in the case of co-operative life insurance, it is valueless, and I consider it dear at any price.

A RECENT report states that 1,264 miles of railroad have been constructed in the United States thus far this year, against 493 miles in 1879, 312 miles in 1878, and 354 miles in 1877. With railroad building going on at such a rate consumption may be trusted to exercise a steadying and wholesome influence on the iron market at no distant day.

The exports of the Dominion of Ganada, exclusive of British Columbia, for the month of March, 1880, amounted to \$3,674,944, of which \$3,004,706 v.as the produce of this country. The following are the items making up the last named amount: Produce of the mines, \$74,3;4; fisheries, \$342,143; forests, \$372,552; naimals and their produce, \$652,535; agricultural products, \$1,223,591; manufactures, \$274,920, and miscellaneous articles, \$64,651.

THE FOLLOWING recent sales of farms are pub-

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lished in the Globe :- Rev. Thos. Nixon to Wm. Scott, east half of lot No. 14, 7th concession, Nelson, at 55 per acre ; Dr. Hickman to Thomas Farr, 105 acres, Etobicoke, for \$5,000 ; W. Mc-Cann by auction to James Guest, west half of lot No. 3, 7th concession, Adjala, for \$2,000; J. R. Mitchell to James Wilson, 24 ac es, Esquesing, for \$2,000; Norman McLea to Arch. McLean, 100 acres, lot 15, 4th concession, Huron, for \$3,000; Gordon Burgess to Wm. Lawson, 50 ac es, Durham, for \$1,500; Arch. McLoughlin to Daniel Duncanson, south half of lot 5, 4th range, Ekfrid, for \$3,700; Matthew Anderson, of Fergus to Joseph Frelinan and Anthony Kiser, of Peel, 200 acres, lot 32, 11th concession, Lather, for \$3,000; James Comming to D. Guant, 99 acres, south half of lot 18, 12th concession. West Wawanosh, for about \$4,000; Isaac Currie to John Little 50 acres east half of lot 20, 9th concession, Mc Killop, for \$2,500.

DIVIDEND sheets have been prepared, and are arnounced in the last issue of the Ontario Gazette, as follows: Alex. Todd, of Moray, final dividend after May 31st; Thos. Vincent, of Ottawa, fourth dividend, June Sth; J. & J. Vanstone, of Kincardine, dividend after May 31st; Keenlayside & Co., of London, dividend after May 31st; Fredk. Frost, of Belleville, first dividend after June 16th; Rogerson & Trewin, of London, final dividend after June 1st; James Hines, of Prescott, dividend after June 2nd; R. T. Crawfor !, of Woodstock, final dividend after June 7th; Sherk & Banner. man, of St. Thomas; supplementary dividend after June 9th; J. E. Rose, of Kingston, final dividend after May 31st; Valentine Hansuld of Stratford, first dividend after May 31st.

The value of goods entered for consumption in the Dominion of Caunda for the month of

April, 1880, amounted to \$5,627,777, on which the daty coll-cted was \$1,093,014.11. The principal items were: manufactures of cotton, \$748,598, duty, \$166,191.37; manufactures of iron and steel, \$356,350, duty, \$120,626.25; woollen manufactures, \$497, 18, duty, \$126,-189.46; breadstuffs, \$177,586, duty, \$31,756.59; manufactures of silk, \$1,583.79; duty, \$47,073.-80; coal, \$153,071, duty, \$27,027,01; hats, caps and bonnets, \$111,129, duty, \$27,788.45; manufactures of leather, \$113,393, duty, \$24,881.51; tea, \$215,573, duty, \$48,887.19.

THE long standing claims against the New Brunswick Provincial Government, known as the Tibbitz-Glasier claims, have been decided by the Commission, to whom the matter was referred for arbitration, in favor of the claimants. The claim, which was for \$20,000 and interest, arose from the cutting of lumber on territory in dispute as to governmental jurisdiction between New Brunswick and Quebec. On the arrival of the lumber at St. John River the New Brunswick Government exacted the payment of dues, notwithstanding that payment had already been made the Quebee Government. The finding of the Commission reduces the claim from \$20,000 to \$15,000 and disallows interest, but it is said the claimants will appeal to the Dominion Government against this raduction.

The Mixans at the Acadia Colliery, Stellarton, struck last week because some of the men had been discharged for violation of the rules laid down for the personal safety of all hands. Surely here is quixotism beyond the most ludicrous flights of Cervantes' imagination; for these miners not only wish to fight the battles of their fellows, but insist that, should any co-laborer be willing to bring them into danger of life l.e shall enjoy immunity in doing so.