

**PAPER CARPETING, &c.**—French manufacturers have a method of rendering paper extremely hard and tenuous by subjecting the pulp to the action of chloride of zinc. After it has been treated with the chloride it is submitted to a strong pressure, thereafter becoming as hard as wood and as tough as leather. The hardness varies according to the strength of the metallic solution. The material thus produced can be easily coloured. It may be employed in covering floors with advantage, and may be made to replace leather in the manufacture of coarse shoes; it is also a good material for whip handles, the mounting of saws, buttons, combs, etc. A great deal is used in large sheets for roofing. Paper already manufactured acquires the same consistency when plunged, unsized, in a solution of the chloride.

#### LUMBER NOTES.

Nearly all the saw-mills at the Chaudière commenced operations last week.

Messrs. T. & T. Foley, of Almonte, resumed operations the 1st instant. Owing to high water in the Mississippi, this spring, a good deal of stuff has been floated off, and the fresh water pirates are reaping the advantages thereof.

From Belleville we hear that the cut this season will not be at all extensive. Messrs. Rathbun's mill, which cut annually 8,000,000 to 10,000,000, has been closed, and only three out of the remaining eight are in operation. Some may resume work later in the season, but will not likely do much; as a very small number of logs have been got out.

From the Peterboro and Simcoe districts we learn that driving operations are being pushed forward with vigor, and a fair proportion of mills are opening up. Richard Nagle, an Ottawa lumberman, intends hereafter to take his supplies in *via* Bracebridge, to operate near Lake Nipissing. He can get his provisions in more cheaply this way, and can go from his shanties to Ottawa at less cost than by the Ottawa River, though it certainly seems a roundabout way to the uninitiated.

From the Upper Ottawa district we learn through the *Pembroke Observer*, that numbers of men have been going to the various rafting and driving grounds. On most of the small streams the ice has only been off a sufficient length of time to allow of a good commencement; on the Indian River, however, all the timber taken out during the winter is in a forward way to Ottawa. Messrs. Barnet & Mackie, R. & J. White, and John Rowan are the three concerns operating on this river, and the first named have a raft of nearly 3,000 pieces, white and red pine of unusually good quality, which will reach Pembroke in a few days. The same firm has about 15,000 saw-logs, nearly all first quality, taken out on the same stream. The first rafting of the season commenced Friday last at the mouth of the Muskrat River, where Messrs. R. & J. White and John Rowan have each a raft containing from 80,000 to 100,000 feet. In both cases the quality of the timber is stated to be the best that has been taken out for years on these limits.

—The following are the quantities of principal articles of export shipped from the port of New

York to the Dominion for the period from 1st January, 1876, to 5th inst.: flour, 72,723 bbls; cornmeal, 20,733 bbls; corn, 11,818 bushels; petroleum, 52,957 gallons; tobacco manufactured, 65,002 lbs. The total of manufactured tobacco from New York to all ports for the period since 1st January this year was 2,352,863 lbs. against 2,183,815 lbs. for the corresponding period of 1875. Among other places to which this article is exported from New York city are Cuba to which were shipped no less than 104,732 lbs. for the above period; Hayti and other West India islands, 182,599 lbs., most of it returning doubtless in the shape of genuine (?) Havana cigars. Petroleum is a large export, being no less than 34,987,693 gallons to all ports since January 1st. Of this Great Britain received nearly 7,000,000 gallons, France over 4,000,000, Holland and Belgium, nearly 3,000,000, Germany about 6,500,000, Southern Europe nearly 5,000,000, Cuba 1,000,000, and Australia nearly 1,000,000 gallons. Petroleum from the United States is even to be met with at Bagdad, the city of the caliphs. It is entered at the port of Alexandria in Egypt, and transported nearly a thousand miles on the backs of camels. What are our oil-men doing? The total value of all goods shipped from New York port to Canada for the above period was \$1,191,397, being a falling-off of over \$100,000 from the corresponding period of last year.

#### CHEESE NOTES.

The first market of the season for the Stratford district will be held in the Town Hall on the 31st inst.

The *Ingersoll Chronicle* says that one cheese manufacturer in the county of Oxford has seen his *why* clear to a profit of \$5,000 this year.

Operations will shortly commence in a new factory at Kintore, erected by Mr. Furse.

The Rogerville Cheese Manufacturing Co. and the Enterprise Cheese Manufacturing Co. have received letters of incorporation.

An effort is being made to organize a factory at Edgar; \$7,500 of the necessary \$10,000 stock has already been subscribed.

The Fingal Cheese Factory commenced operations on the 1st inst.

The Leeds Company Union Factory No. 1, one and a half miles above Lyn, has been completed, and is said to be one of the most complete factories in the Brockville section. It started last week with between four and five hundred cows.

A mammoth cheese of 29,000 pounds is being made at Orwell, Ohio, for the Centennial, and will be completed by the 20th inst.

Mr. Newman shipped last week from Carlton Place between 1,000 and 1,100 boxes of cheese to be sent to Liverpool if a satisfactory sale cannot be effected in Montreal.

—The real estate of Pembroke, Ont., is valued at \$969,900; personal property, \$104,100; and income, \$38,000; total \$1,108,200, and the population is set down at 2,294. Last year's roll gave:—Real estate, \$939,350; personal property, \$113,400; income, \$39,950; total \$1,092,000, and the population 2,630, showing

an increase in the value of real and personal property, including income, of \$15,300, and a decrease in the population of 336.

—The *Hamilton Spectator* says, anent the condition of things in Wentworth county, that the farmers are busily engaged with their spring work, although laboring under many disadvantages. Many of them who have sown grain weeks ago cannot discover the sprout as yet, and it is feared that, unless the weather changes for the better, the grain will rot in the ground. The land is yet damp and boggy and not at all in a fit state for ploughing, and the grass grows but slowly. Many herds throughout the country have suffered very much for want of fodder, the lateness of the season not being anticipated by the farmers in laying in a supply. The weather has caused a serious loss in another direction. A great number of lambs have been lost on account of the cold nights, and the sheep throughout the country allowed to pasture out are all suffering from colds.

#### THE WEEK'S ASSIGNMENTS IN ONTARIO.

John A. Powell, grocer, Paris.  
McGee Bros., cigars, Woodstock.  
Weldon Champness, hotel, Ottawa.  
Rawling Bros., blacksmiths, Thedford.  
C. L. Walker, confectioner, Hamilton.  
John M. Scott, grocer, Stratford.  
Alfred Dredge & Co., wholesale stationers, Toronto.  
Andrew Wilson, jun., Appleton.

#### WRITS OF ATTACHMENT ISSUED VS.

Thos. Metcalf, St. Thomas.  
E. D. Wardell, sewing machines, Owen Sound.  
Robt. Rawlings, blacksmith, Thedford.  
Thos. Anderson, confectioner, Hamilton.  
George W. Cline, St. Catharines.

#### ASSIGNMENTS IN PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

Mrs. Joseph Oliver, general store, Dewittville.  
Ovide St. Marie, tea broker, Montreal.  
Perrault & Lapierre, carpenters, &c., Côte St. Louis.

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Chartier & Boulanger, druggists, Contrecoque.  
Mrs. Joseph Oliver, general store, Dewittville.  
François X. Bruzeau, Indian curiosities, Montreal.  
Rémé Raymond, general store, St. Hyacinthe.

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