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of New Hamburg, and Alex. McCready, of Harriston, have been added to the list of insolvents for 1870, which would now make a respectable show for the year, if grouped together and compared with the aggregate of those who may be legitimately called traders.

THE production of the Pennsylvania oil wells for October was 624,902 barrels, or 20,129 barrels per day, as compared with 13,071 in October, 1869. The stock on hand Nov. 1st was 576,014 tarrels, showing an increase of 102,000 barrels over September last, and being the largest stock held at any one time since September, 1867.

THE prevalence of typhoid fever is a subject of very general complaint. In Toronto there have been an unusually large number of cases. Other places are not more exempt from the malady. A gentleman, writing from Thvistock, says that this fever is raging there, and that no business is being done, as the country people, through fear, avoid the place, causing considerable injury to the trade of the village,

THE wholesale boot and shoe trade must lately have been very profitable at this point, as we hear of no less than three new projected firms. A wholesome competition has a healthy influence, THE LEADING WHOLESALE TRADE OF TORONTO.

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but if this line of business is overdone, failures will be the result, as in any other trade. Those who are now doing a paying retail business should hesitate before giving up a certainty for what may prove a bubble.

It is well known that ships can be built in St. John at a little more than half the cost of similar vessels in the United States. Quite recently an enterprising American ship-master has had completed at St. John a fine clipper bark, intended for the China trade, which will compare favorably with vessels of her class built in the United States. Now that a beginning has been made, we expect to see more Dominion spruce decked with Federal canvass—the Japanese laws of the States to the contrary notwithstanding.

A BILL has been introduced into the Quebec Legislature, having for its object the introduction and establishment of manufactories into the Province, with a view of promoting the emigration of workingmen. This object the bill aims to promote, by authorizing all municipalities to exempt from taxation any manufactory or manufacturing firm or corporation, for a period not to exceed thirty years. This kind of legislation is open to very grave objections. To exempt a manufactory or any other property from taxation is the same thing as compelling the ratepayers to give it a bonus; and very few, if any, of those who will vote for such a law, would go the length of giving a bonus to any establishment direct. The principle and effect are the same; but the latter mode has this to recommend it, that it is the more honest and ought therefore to be preferred.

THE Northern Transportation Co., whose suspension was announced last week, has asked for an extension of time. A proposition has been made to the creditors that the liabilities be spread over three years, with permission to issue bonds. If these conditions are assented to, the company will continue business. In 1868, the N. T. Co. had 14 steamers, to which were added six new boats in 1869, so that 20 steamers in all were run that year, the total value of which is put at \$970. -000; the company also had real estate, said to be worth \$233,000, and \$100,000 in cash. There was an increase in the amount of freight carried in 1869 over 1868 of 40 per cent., and in passengers of 25 per cent. Owing chiefly to the keen rivalry of railways, it is alleged that a great deal of the traffic was carried at a positive loss. If this is the real cause of the suspension, the fact tends to strengthen the growing conviction, that railways are bound to supersede vessels on these inland waters, both for the transport of passengers and freight.

A ST. JOHN, N.B., correspondent states that during the last week of September and the first two weeks of October, no less than 20,000 barrels of flour were purchased for that city in the American markets. This is on account of the advance in freight per Grand Trunk which always occurs at this period of the year. Were it not for the high rates of freight now charged, most, if not all, of this flour would have been purchased in Ontario. The writer then proceeds to lay the blame of this loss of trade to our millers and dealers to the account of the Grand Trunk. We cannot see that any one is, properly, at fault. These purchases must have arisen from an excepceptional state of the markets; such a state of things will soon rectify itself. If the Grand Trunk find that they are losing trade by their higher rates, they will, acting with reference to the interests of the Company, reduce them to the point that will attract business. Ontario millers also, if they cannot sell their flour at the rates now demanded, will be compelled by competition to reduce their prices. The unrestricted operation of the funamental laws that govern trade will set all such matters right.

-A St. Catherines Paper says that the Merchant's Bank of Montreal has commenced an action in Montreal against the Welland Railway Company to recover the value of a cargo of grain assigned to that institution, and which the Railway Company undertook to deliver to the Montreal Transportation Company at Kingston. Part of the cargo was so delivered according to the agreement; but the balance (valued at about \$18,000) was sent, contrary to the original Bill of Lading, to Montreal in the Railway Company's Propeller "Dalhousie," and there delivered to a bankrupt "Dalhousie," and there delivered to a bankrupt firm without the knowledge or consent of the Merchant's Bank or the M. T. Co. As a preliminary step to securing the claim, the President and Solicitor of the Bank had the Propeller "Dalhousie" seized a few days since at Montreal, where she is now under the control of a Sheriff's officer. The transaction all round is a peculiar one, and the legal proceedings will be watched by those interested in the forwarding business.