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— The wheat carrying capacity of the vessels now in Chicago is placed at 5,753,000 bushels, against 3,720,000 last season. There is beginning to be more enquiry for vessels.

— The value of lumber imports into Great Britain and Ireland in 1876 amounted to £17,723,290, or \$85,000,000, in round numbers, against £14,013,586, or £70,000,000 in 1875.

— A Brooklyn bank cashier, who was a prominent member of the church, has taken up a collection for himself of over one hundred thousand dollars. It must be the atmosphere.

— It is said that the number of beet-root sugar factories in France now in operation is only 184, against 438 at the corresponding period of last year.

— In our issue of last week, the names of Croil, Tait & Co., and of Brown, Taylor & Co. were inadvertently omitted from the list of Montreal wholesale dry goods houses.

— The Dominion Button Works at Berlin, Ont., has orders for 200,000 gross in excess of the previous year. They employ sixty-five hands, and contemplate extensive additions to their facilities.

— We regret to notice in the late reports from England the death of Mr. Walter Bright, the editor of the *Economist*, and author of "Lombard Street" and other works chiefly on Political Economy.

— The rapidity with which street rumor spreads in these "panicky" times should, we think, render people very cautious in mentioning names, as during the past week several prominent houses here and in Ontario have been mentioned as being in trouble without any foundation.

— The boot and shoe dealers of Stratford are issuing a manifesto, stating that their goods in future will be marked down to a cash basis, and if credit is given it will be limited to thirty days upon condition that ten per cent. is

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added to the price of the article for the accommodation. This is a move in the right direction.

— Mr. Sewell, the builder of the Northern Light, has received a letter from a committee of citizens of Emerson, Manitoba, asking his opinion as to the navigation of Hudson's Bay. They intend asking the Government to send the Northern Light to the Bay this summer.

— The investigation into the affairs of the Western Counties Railway shows that the company have drawn \$700,000, nearly the whole subsidy, but have not the road half finished. A great part of the road has been built of brush and rubbish and certified at the cost of earthen embankments. Operations are suspended.

— At a meeting in the interest of the Metcalfe & Adelaide Railway, recently held in the village of Napier, a resolution was passed in favour of building the road with but one dissentient voice. A committee was appointed to proceed to Caledonia and Widder, with power to elect a delegate to the Central Committee, to interview the C. S. R., to obtain from them the best terms on which the road can be had.

— "The Hard Times" was the subject of a lecture by the Rev. Dr. John Hall in New York a few evenings ago. He thought that the workmen cared not how Agamemnon was buried, or what color Pochontah's hair was, but they were interested in the solution of the hard times problem. There was no reason to think that the country was going to the dogs; we were only reaching a solid basis.

— A well-known wholesale boot and shoe firm in Toronto are giving attention to the export trade, having made a shipment of their goods yesterday to the West Indies. They have also an agent in Australia with samples. Their enterprise in thus practically testing these new fields is, to say the least, praiseworthy.

— A report has just been issued of the loan, saving, and investment companies of Ontario and Quebec. In the two Provinces at the close of 1875 the loans on real estate were—Ontario, \$15,630,820; Quebec, \$2,729,894. And the total value of the real estate on which these loans were made was: Ontario, \$30,827,000; Quebec, \$3,135,000. The returns for 1876, it is said, are in excess of those of the preceding year.

— Reports from Silver Islet to the 1st inst. state that a fair strike was recently made by the Diamond Drill. Latest accounts from the Duncan Mine are to the effect that the Stamp Mill is doing well, and the mining operations progressive, with excellent indications. The greatest depth is upon the level of the Lake about 300 feet, and it is hoped expectations will be realized.

— The Stratford *Beacon* says that the surveys of the Stratford and Huron Railway are now completed, much of the right of way has been purchased, and everything is in readiness for the active work which the spring should call forth. The financial scheme needs but one link to place it in a perfectly secure position, and that link the township of Ellice is expected to supply. Immediately after the passing of the Ellice by-law the work of construction will commence.

— The partners in the firm of McGarity & Thompson, grocers, Ottawa, have been in town during the week trying to arrange a compromise with their creditors at the rate of sixty cents in the dollar at 6, 9 and 12 months, secured. The affairs of the firm show liabilities of \$22,000 and assets of \$21,500. At a meeting held Wednesday last the creditors refused to accept less than seventy-five cents, secured. McGarity & Thompson entered into a copartnership in Ottawa last April, Thompson succeeding to his