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— A large number of men are daily employed on the bridge at Grand Falls, N. B., and it is expected that it will be finished early in the spring. All the piers but two centre ones are built.

— In our article on London, Ontario, last week, we omitted to state that Mr. John Labatt obtained the medal at the recent exhibition in Australia for ale, both on draught and in bottle, against the English competitors.

— The Charlottetown City Council is about to cause sign-boards, with the names of the streets painted thereon, to be put up at the several street corners in that city. It is high time that something like this were done.

— The deal shipments from St. John, N. B. for January, 1878, were smaller this year than either in 1877 or 1876, being only 1,360,594 superficial feet, while the shipments for January, 1877, were 1,655,823 feet, and for January, 1876, 1,903,914 feet.

— Adam Hall, boot and shoe dealer, Peterboro, is selling out his stock and retiring from that line of trade. He has purchased the stove and tinware business of the late T. Lannin, which he intends henceforth to carry on.

— Messrs. Henry Fry and R. R. Dobell have been appointed delegates to represent the Dominion Board of Trade at the annual meeting of the British Chamber of Commerce, which is to be held this month.

— Extensive sugar frauds have been discovered at the New Orleans Custom House involving the Belcher Sugar Refinery, of St. Louis. A large shipment has been ordered to be seized for undervaluation, by which the Government would lose \$30,000.

— A good bed of gypsum has been discovered near Brown's plaster mill at Brighton harbor. It has been ground, tested, and found equal to any obtainable on the other side of the lake. A tram railway from the mill to the quarry is being built, with a view of entering largely into the manufacture early in the spring.

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— The growing of flax and the manufacture of linen are restricted to the province of Ulster, Ireland. Some idea of the magnitude of the Irish linen trade may be gathered from the fact that the quantity exported to foreign countries last December amounted to 13,937,200 yards, being an increase over the corresponding month of 1876 of 1,899,000 yards. Spain and Italy used to be the best customers of the Irish linen manufacturers, but the United States and Canada now consume nearly as much as all other foreign countries put together.

— A new style of sidewalk is being tested in Toronto. No nails are used, the planks being held together by means of screws. One section of the sidewalk is closely planked, and the other has interstices to permit of the passage of air, which it is supposed should prevent rot.

— The Western Dairymen's Association of Ontario will hold its annual convention at Ingersoll on Wednesday, the 13th inst. and two following days. The Eastern Dairymen's Association of Ontario will hold its annual convention at Belleville on the 21st inst. and two following days.

— An Exchange says:—The price of cordwood in Orangeville, Ontario, and vicinity, this winter is much lower than it has been at any time within the past six years. Good dry firewood, principally maple and beech, which formerly cost about \$4 a cord, can be had at from \$2 to \$2 50, delivered; while an inferior quality may be bought for \$1 50 to \$1 75.

— Active measures are being adopted in St. John, N.B., to place and keep the Fire Brigade on an efficient footing. A competent and energetic chief has been appointed who will be no mere figure head. Any case of insubordination or drunkenness will be visited by instant dismissal. The St. John authorities are evidently determined that a repetition of the disasters

which have of late visited their city shall not occur if vigilance and efficiency on the part of the fire department can prevent.

— We have to express our regret that, through inadvertence, a paragraph was inserted in our last number having reference to a note said to have been discounted at one of the banks, and commenting on the conduct of the Bank with regard to a business transaction. Our regret has been increased from information which we have received that the reference to a professional gentleman recently high in office was without foundation. Our rule is to abstain from noticing private transactions in which the public have no interest, and, as we have already stated, the paragraph in question found its way into our columns through inadvertence.

— A Parry Sound paper says:—Saw logging is being vigorously carried on this winter. Two camps belonging to the Guelph Lumber Co. have already taken out seven million feet. This Company will take out in all this season twelve million feet. The other companies are also operating largely and making rapid headway.

— The agricultural insurance companies have had more than ordinary difficulties to contend with during the past year, owing, doubtless, to the indiscriminate cutting of rates, chiefly on the part of the Canada Agricultural in its expiring hours. The Isolated Risk refused to enter into such a suicidal competition, and the honest report published in our last issue is the result. The stock list of the company is first-class, affording undoubted security to the public, and we trust the company will continue to adhere to its tariff of rates even at the loss of an occasional renewal.

— Mr. Robert Giffen read a paper before the Statistical Society of Great Britain, on Jan. 15, giving the facts of the rapid growth of British capital in the present century. The gross income taxed in Great Britain rose from \$575,