

ABOUT 5,000 bushels of wheat was brought into Brandon last week. The prices ranged from 50 to 54 cents per bushel.

THE entries for the Manitoba Provincial Exhibition are largely in excess of last year's. In 1885 there were 2,308 entries. This year there are 3,455.

MESSRS. G. F. Carruthers and G. W. Girdlestone, of the Manitoba Board of Underwriters have visited Brandon to make a report as to its proper fire rating.

A QUEBEC dry goods merchant, Mr. Joseph S. Hardy, while reading his prayer book at mass last Sunday, fell suddenly forward and when raised was found to be dead.

THE largest castings ever turned out in Vancouver are those made by Wilson Bros. for the gasometer at New Westminster. They are three-fourths of an inch thick, 18 inches in diameter and 22 feet long.

THE Redoliff creamery, Stony Mountain, closed on the 15th instant, having made 22,000 pounds in 1886. The season has been a prosperous one, and it is expected that next year it will be run on a much larger scale.

FIVE or six lobster packers, of Prince Edward Island, were summoned before the deputy inspector of marine and fisheries at Charlottetown, for alleged fishing in the close season. In one case the accused was mulcted in costs.

THE by-law to empower the city of Toronto to issue \$300,000 debentures for deepening and straightening the River Don was submitted to a vote of the ratepayers on Saturday, and carried by a large majority, the vote being 2,163 for, 565 against.

MR. JNO. WALKER, late manager of the Toronto branch of the Quebec Bank, was presented by customers of the bank with an address accompanied by a handsome clock and set of bronzes, on the occasion of his leaving this city to take a responsible position in the office at Montreal.

THE Montreal Gazette understands that the French-Canadian residents of Holyoke, Mass., are sending a deputation to Temiscamingue this week, and if their report is favorable it is said that 300 families will leave for that place this fall. We learn further, with respect to the colonizing efforts of our French-Canadian brethren, that the Merchants' Colonization society have resolved to visit the district of Chelmsford, near Algoma, to take up land. The delegation composed of the following gentlemen left Montreal on Monday last: Messrs. L. E. Beauchamp, F. X. Moisan, L. N. Dupuis, P. Moreau, of St. Luc; P. Legendre, of Stoney, Megantic; F. X. Chevalier and others.

A CORRESPONDENT brings to our notice a novel and particular instance, bearing on the dry goods trade, of the unjust working of the present tariff: "The Dominion Oil Cloth Company brought pressure to bear upon the Government at Ottawa and had the tariff on table oil cloth raised to 5 cents per square yard and 10 per cent. *ad valorem*. This is substantially equal to an *ad valorem* duty of 50 per cent., and of course almost entirely shuts out the foreign article. After thus reserving the market so effectually to themselves, we read in an answer to an application to the Oil Cloth Company for certain stock that, "We cannot undertake any new orders for table oil-cloth, as we now have on hand more orders than we can readily undertake." "Such subordination of the interests of the many to those of the few," says our correspondent, "is not what is believed in hereabout." And very naturally not.

THE present issue of the MONETARY TIMES is printed upon one of C. Potter, jr. & Co's. New York, four-roller, two-revolution presses, of which Messrs. Trout & Todd have now two in operation in addition to their other cylinder and Gordon presses, thereby attesting the high estimation in which they hold the Potter press, after much experience in book and job work.

THE large retail stores in New York change their window exhibits at least twice a week, and a few oftener. "Merchants who have but one show window should devote sufficient time to it to see that it is re-dressed every two or three days." The Dry Goods Chronicle thinks that a change of exhibit will always be of interest to passers-by and give them something new to talk about.

"THREE hearty cheers for the president and three more for Canada," wound up the Birmingham meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, of which Sir William Dawson, of McGill College, Montreal, was this year president. Sir William wants to get some Canadian savans to go to Sydney, possibly; the Agent-General for New South Wales, Sir Saul Samuel, offers a free passage to forty or fifty members of the Association to attend a meeting to be held at Sydney.

ANOTHER painful case of defalcation is that of the cashier of the First National Bank, Portland, Maine, Wm. E. Gould, by name. So prominent was he in business circles and in good works that "by common consent the titles of 'Hon.' and 'Rev.' had been given him, and no one enjoyed to a greater degree the confidence of the business and religious world." But he stole \$87,000 (it is now said \$130,000) from the bank to build an expensive house and to keep up a costly establishment. Such fellows as he would do well to use the good old Methodist prayer "Lord, keep us humble."

BURGLARY is getting unpleasantly common in Canadian cities. It is not many weeks since the safe of the Toronto Street Railway Co. was cracked and \$750 stolen. On Sunday last, P. Jamieson's clothing store in this city was entered, the safe forced and \$500 cash taken from it. The burglars helped themselves liberally to expensive stock, besides. In Montreal, on Saturday night last, burglars broke into the hardware store of Frothingham & Workman, collected goods and tried, unsuccessfully, to break into the safe. They appear to have been disturbed and made off without much booty.

CANADA is not a bad country to live in, as many a one finds whose roving disposition sends him farther away to fare worse. Some retail hands went from New Brunswick last spring to be dry goods clerks in Boston. Many who tried it there could not find employment at any figure, and others, who had turned their back on good wages in St. John, got but from \$5 to \$9 a week—in all cases being engaged by the week, hours from 7 a.m. till 6 or 7 p.m., with an hour off for dinner. The Sun tells us that a Boston agent visited St. John last week in quest of experienced dry goods hands, but met with poor success. In one of the oldest and largest houses of that city, not a single clerk out of the whole staff was induced to leave.

ONE has to look a second time at the cover of a dainty brochure entitled, "Our Homes, How to Heat and Ventilate Them," before it can be said whether the coloring has been laid on by some deft painter's brush or the modern lithographic press. That it is a counterfeit of

hand-work shows to what a degree of perfection the press has reached, although the cue was doubtless taken from an original design in water color. It is the subject-matter, however, that will prove of most value to the possessor of this 96-page pamphlet which may be had, by any one contemplating the purchase of a furnace, on application to Messrs. J. M. Williams & Co., Hamilton.

FAILURES for the week in the Province of Quebec are not numerous. At Yamachiche, A. Gelinas and P. Milot, both general dealers, have assigned. Joseph Brault, Barrington, is seeking a compromise at 70 cents in the dollar. At Quebec, A. Gingras & Co., shirt makers, and J. M. Guilmette, boots and shoes, have both failed. J. Prudhomme, Plaisance, formerly a farmer and having only been a few months in business, has been compelled to assign, owing, it is said, about \$4,000, and showing a considerable deficiency in assets. Isaac Dubord, general dealer, Arthabaska station, has made assignment of his estate, as also has S. Leduc, restaurant keeper, Montreal.

WM. WILKINSON, a grocer in Ingersoll, has made an assignment. Until he moved into new and more expensive premises he appeared to be holding his own, but the change and dull business have forced him to assign.—An assignment has been made by W. Elliott, a general trader at Wingham. His liabilities are said to be about \$25,000 and assets in the neighborhood of \$20,000. It is thought that a compromise can be arranged.—A bailiff has seized the effects of Mansfield & Co., furniture dealers in Hamilton. The liabilities are placed at \$3,000 and assets only \$350. Mansfield failed about ten years ago and has since been trading under his wife's name.

THE propriety of purchasing that eligible property, at present occupied by the American Hotel, on the corner of Yonge and Front sts., in this city, will form a subject of discussion at a special meeting of the Toronto Board of Trade to be held this afternoon. A more desirable site than that named could not well have been suggested and it is eminently fitting that so important a body should erect a building of its own, which shall occupy an appropriate position in relation to such buildings as the Custom House and the Bank of Montreal. Should the purchase be decided on, the enterprising spirit which now pervades the Board of Trade may be relied upon to replace an old landmark with what will prove an ornament and a credit to our city.

RESPECTING the disposition of the farmer to get big prices for his products and the weakness of shop-keepers and buyers generally in paying too much, the Beaverton Express has the following: "We cannot understand why all kinds of produce should be held so high in this village when the market and the crops do not justify the figures. Here at present writing is potatoes sixty cents per bushel while in all other localities they are quoted from twenty to thirty cents. Apples are the same while garden stuff generally is at an outrageous figure. We do not blame the seller; he is justified in obtaining the highest possible price for his produce, but the purchasing public should see to it that they are not imposed on by demands which are unreasonable."

—The consumption of sugar in British Columbia—or, more correctly, the importation of sugar into Victoria—for the first three months of the current year, amounted to about \$50,000. All of our sugars come, says the Victoria Times, from either San Francisco or Eastern Canada, which sent us 439,998 pounds, valued at \$24,937, and the United States 469,071 pounds, valued at \$24,176.