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PHILLIPPART, founder of the Banque Européenne, who disappeared from Paris some time since, has been found in a monastery in Russia. He proposes to become a monk. American bankers who "dust out," according to an exchange, are usually found in Canada or Belgium, and not in a monastery either.

SEVERAL CHEQUES issued from the Prothonotary's office and cashed by one of the city banks, have since been pronounced forgeries, and the affair has been placed in the hands of detectives. The only explanation offered is that cheques have been signed in blank and fallen into dishonest hands prior to countersignature. No arrests have as yet been made.

IT IS REPORTED in Toronto that Mr. Stevenson, the missing Secretary of the Corn Exchange and Board of Trade of that city, has been seen in New York, but the report lacks confirmation. Mr. Stevenson's accounts, as far as investigated, have not supported the charges or suspicions of defalcation growing out of his sudden disappearance.

NOTICE has been given that the works in connection with the southern part of the Welland Canal will be in a state to permit the opening for navigation on the 1st or, at the latest, the 3rd of May next. If found possible an earlier date will be fixed. Vessels drawing not more than seven feet of water can pass up the canal and through to Lake Erie by way of the feeder to Port Maitland on and after the 16th inst.

STATISTICS of land sales in Manitoba and the North West have been reported in the House of Commons, from which it appears that the total area sold in 1879 was 247,315 acres; number of purchasers 882, showing an average for each purchaser of 280 acres. There were, however,

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183 purchasers of lots of 640 acres or more each, the largest single buyer taking 2,075 acres, so that the average of the remaining holdings is materially reduced.

TWO SHARPEERS who made themselves favorably known in Sherbrooke as horse buyers from the United States, by purchasing freely and paying a trifling instalment to bind the bargains, finally succeeded in negotiating drafts amounting to \$2,000 with the Eastern Townships Bank, and immediately decamped. The drafts were soon discovered to be bogus, and a reward of \$500 is now offered for the arrest and conviction of the swindlers, or \$1,000 if the money should also be recovered.

THE SUB-COMMITTEE of the several trade organizations of this city, appointed to prepare and submit a basis of agreement upon which to amalgamate the boards represented, has reported that the Montreal Board of Trade and the Corn Exchange should form an association under the name of the Montreal Board of Trade, and secure a charter covering all the rights and privileges enjoyed by the two existing bodies. Provision is further made by which the Board of Brokers may join the new Board of Trade, and the privileges of the Merchants Exchange reading room shall be extended to the whole body.

A WRIT OF ATTACHMENT was taken out on the 30th ult. against Thomas Berriman, lime-burner, of the township of Stamford, Ont., at the instance of John Fosger, and the sale of the estate, including all the personal property of the insolvent, was advertised for the following day. The attachment was served and the goods seized just about the time the sale was to begin, which immediately took place, the creditors being present and agreeing upon the appointment of an assignee. The whole business seems to have been despatched with unusual and commendable celerity.

A WINDSOR, N.S., SUBSCRIBER in remitting is pleased to write: "I am and have been well pleased with the manner in which you have conducted your paper. It has become quite a standard with me, and I anxiously look for it every Monday. Trusting that you will be able in the future to keep as well up with the times, I am, &c." We know of no better spur to renewed effort in any given direction than that found in the acceptability and success of past labors, and we are gratified to be able to acknowledge the receipt of not a few letters from subscribers of late, similar in tenor to that of the correspondent quoted, whose hopes as to our future course most assuredly find their true echo in our purposes and expectations.

OIL MEN are much interested in the discussion of the fire test applied to American and Canadian oils. Mr. Colby, coal oil inspector of the State of Maine, has brought the matter to the notice of the Government at Ottawa, urging a reduction from the present test of 130 degrees Fahrenheit to American oil, which is claimed to be unnecessarily high. Canadian oil is subjected to a test of 105 degrees only, producers claiming in its behalf that it is far less explosive than American. Some maintain that the disparity should disappear not by lowering the test on American but by raising it on Canadian oil. The importation of American oil during the past twelve months reaches a total of 800,000 gallons, and the opinion of one of the largest dealers is reported from Ottawa that the present test works well enough, and requires no change.

THE general improvement in trade is bearing its fruit in the necessity for enlarged sources of supply. The cotton mills of the country are pressed to their utmost with work, and have orders ahead beyond their capacity to fill on time. Some of the recent advances in prices are, in fact, ascribed to willingness on the part of manufac-