

THE Windsor street railway is to be run by electricity next spring.

THE net profits to the city of London from the waterworks department this year was \$20,281.73, after \$28,042.74 had been paid on interest account, and \$17,217.40 for working expenses.

THE Commercial Travellers' Association held its annual meeting in Toronto yesterday, when Mr. C. C. Van Norman was chosen president. A report of the meeting is held over till next week.

THE jewelry stock of M. Fenwick & Co., of Niagara Falls, valued at \$1,599.52, was sold by J. W. Jones, Tuesday, to F. T. Trebilcock, of London, at 40 cents on the dollar. Mr. Trebilcock also purchased the leasehold of the premises for \$220.

THE sheriff was in possession of the assets of the Manitoba Wire Co. (limited) at Winnipeg, which has been in trouble about a year. He sold them out under the power of a chattel mortgage.—The same officer has also disposed of the steam laundry stock of James Hemby in that place.

WE learn from the St. John Telegraph that the counsel for the defence in the graveyard insurance case of Dr. Randall and C. B. Welton, have applied to the Attorney-General for a fiat for writ of error. The writ of error is issued under the signature of the Lieutenant-Governor, with the great seal of the province attached. The object is to render void the conviction in the case of C. B. Welton and Dr. Randall.

THE prevailing price paid for potatoes in part of the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia has been 35 to 40 cents per bushel. The Liverpool Times says that thirteen cargoes of potatoes have been shipped from Canning and Port Williams, aggregating 40,000 bushels, during the last two months. Eight cargoes aggregating 35,000 bushels went to Havana, one cargo of 2,870 bushels went to Bermuda, a cargo of 3,368 bushels went to Demerara, two cargoes went to Boston, one cargo to Jacksonville.

FAILURES among traders in Montreal for the week are few. J. A. Maud, dealer in crockery, has assigned upon the demand of his father. He, J. A., is a young man, and only recently established in business. He owes in all \$3,010, most of which is due to one local wholesale house, and to his father.—A clothier in a small way, named Moses F.

Superior, has made an assignment, having liabilities of \$3,463. He never enjoyed a very strong credit.—A. Hoofstetter, livery stable, has suspended payment; liabilities are altogether local.

THE Peterboro' Canoe Company, W. H. Hill, president, G. A. Schofield, secretary, J. Z. Rogers, manager, expect to occupy their new factory next month. It has a lot of new machinery, and has a number of orders from the old country.

A COOL daylight robbery was committed in the Toronto jewellery shop of Dewdney & Bro. on Queen st., a day or two after Christmas. Three men with revolvers entered in the early morning and drove the man and boy in charge to the back of the shop, where they were gagged and tied. One robber watched them and the other two plundered the shop of \$500 cash and several hundred more in stock. Then they disappeared and have not been traced.

THE manager of the British Columbia Canning Co., on Rivers Inlet, fifty miles north of Vancouver Island, says that he has found the shad placed in the Sacramento River, years ago, have worked their way north to Rivers Inlet, and even further up the coast. During the salmon season three fine shad, weighing 2 to 2½ pounds each, were caught by the fishermen in their ordinary sockeye nets. It is only four years since the first of these were taken in the Straits of San Juan de Fuca, and last year the first was netted in the Fraser near its mouth. Mr. Kirkland is confident that in a few years shad fishing will be one of the most important branches of the B. C. fishing industry.

THAT dairy farming pays in Manitoba is shown by the experience of J. A. Crooks, of Togoan. This gentleman, three years ago, went largely into dairy farming, and, unlike most wheat farmers, reports this to be his most successful year in Manitoba. He made over 16,000 pounds of cheese, which he sold at an average of ten cents a pound, and also made a quantity of butter. His proceeds from these articles and from sales of cattle have been most satisfactory. On this the Portage la Prairie Liberal comments as under: It is about time the Portage plains farmers seriously made up their minds to go in for mixed farming. If they had done so a couple of years ago, there would not be so many writs issued, nor so many chattel mortgages as there have been during the past fifteen months.

SOMEBODY is sending to the Victoria Mutual Fire Insurance Company, through a priest in Hamilton, periodical sums of conscience money. The total has reached \$300.

A DIVIDEND of 1½ per cent. for the half year, and an extra dividend of one-half per cent. has been declared by the Canada Southern Railway, and the Michigan Central has declared 2½ with an extra of 1½, making in all 5½ for the year. Both are Vanderbilt lines, and they have made a new division of conjoint traffic earnings, namely, that the C. S. R. gets 40 per cent instead of 33½.

THAT was a smart lesson to dishonest traders taught at Halifax last week, in the case of Jacob Baltimore, a Polish Jew. This man was running a dry goods store at Acadia Mines and assigned to Daniel & Boyd, of St. John, in November. Judgment creditors arrested him and took him before a commissioner of the Supreme Court (E. W. Hamilton). He was committed to jail for two months, on the ground that he "wilfully contracted the debt in question, without having had at the time a reasonable expectation of being able to pay or discharge the same, and that fraudulent circumstances have occurred with regard to the disposition of his property."

A SUBSCRIBER who has perused the four pages of "Holiday Reading" in our last issue writes to us expressing his gratification with that portion of it described as telegraph stories and recollections. He says: "Nothing more interesting has appeared in THE MONETARY TIMES for years than those reminiscences of Montreal, and particularly the story of the Burns' Centenary celebration in Toronto. There are plenty besides old telegraphers who are interested in these tales from the past; and I hope you may continue to find contributors who will delight your readers with their recollections in as pleasing a vein as those of your Christmas issue."

IN June last, oleostearine was only five cents the pound in Chicago; to-day it is ten and a half. This is a grease especially adapted to stuffing leather; being made from the fat that surrounds beef kidneys, it is almost solid residuum after the oleo oil has been pressed out. The fat, or tallow, is carried by conveyors to the cooling tanks, where it parts with its animal heat. It is then chopped fine and laid in cloths, which are subjected to great pressure in a press. The oil extracted is the foundation for the oleomargarine of commerce. The

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