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inst. that the whole jewellery stock of the notorious Mellor who absconded from Montreal a short time since, has been purchased by a merchant of St. John St. there, who will offer very tempting bargains during the holidays. Strange to say, Montreal papers of a like date state that the good people of that city are to enjoy the same blessing, as the entire stock is to be sold at Mellor's old stand 285 Notre Dame St. It used to be an axiom with a high authority of older times that "no two bodies can occupy the same space at the same time", but the march of modern events has, it seems, changed all that, and nothing in these days is impossible to those who advertise.

—The annual meeting of the St. John Board of Trade was held on Monday. The present duties on sugar, molasses, and rice were condemned as exorbitant, and the impossibility of conducting a West India trade under existing circumstances was admitted. The freight tariff on the Intercolonial was also strongly objected to, and committees were appointed to consider those subjects. Messrs. Fairweather, Lindsay, Tuck, Jones, Austin, Daniel, Stewart, Harding, McAvity and Cushing were elected members of Council.

OIL MATTERS IN PETROLIA.

(From our own Correspondent.)

PETROLIA, Dec. 12, 1876.

Oil matters here are about the same, with no new good wells to report. Development must soon prove either that all the oil is exhausted, or that there is a new territory, for wells are being drilled everywhere in this vicinity, yet up to this very few paying wells have been found. The production is a disputed point, but through the enterprise of Mr. J. Englehart (who has em-

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played a man specially to visit every well and report its actual production) I shall be enabled next week to report the actual daily production of crude at this point. The export trade is still flourishing, and is about equally divided between the London Oil Refining Company, and J. Englehart, of Petrolia and Hamilton. Mr. E. has purchased, and has been working, the old Carbon Oil Company works for some time. They consist of five or six five-hundred barrel stills here, and all the requirements for refining at Hamilton, from whence the oil is exported. The stills are at present run off twice a week, and the quantity exported is between 3,000 and 4,000 bbls. per week. The shipments from here are about the same. New York news of the 12th Dec. gives crude at 15 1/2c per gallon; refined, 32 1/2c per gallon. This rise of some 5c per gallon must effect this market, and it is reported that after the 15th Dec. crude will be held at \$2.50 per bbl.

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