

white heat, into a bath of different kinds of oil and greases; but by cooling in the open air, and tempering in oil, the strength is brought up to 17.1 tons to the square inch, or twice that of ordinary cast iron. In some instances, a strength of 34.2 tons to the square inch has been obtained.

THE Report of the Minister of Agriculture gives some interesting figures, which we tabulate, respecting the Canadian export cattle trade. The number of horned cattle, sheep and swine shipped to the British market from the ports of Quebec, Montreal and Portland were as under in the years given:—

	1877.	1878.	1879.
Cattle	6,940	18,655	24,682
Sheep	9,500	41,250	79,085
Hogs	430	2,778	4,745
The totals for the three years are, cattle 50,277 sheep 129,835, hogs 7,953.			

THE activity of railway construction and equipment in the United States, and the demands made upon manufactories of railway cars and engines, may be partly learned from the following items from a Philadelphia railway paper: The Brooks Locomotive Works at Dunkirk, N. Y., are building 15 engines for the New York, Lake Erie and Western, and have other orders on hand. An extension is being put up to the blacksmith shop, to accommodate another steam hammer. —The Rochester Car Wheel Works at Rochester, N. Y., owing to the increased demand, have enlarged the capacity of their works to 150 wheels per day. They are filling orders from many prominent roads, in New York and other states. —It is said that the Pennsylvania Railway Company is building at its Altoona shops a fast passenger engine to run between Philadelphia and New York, with 5 feet 8 inch drivers. If it works satisfactorily, nine more of them will be built. —The Michigan Car Company, Detroit, Mich., are pushed to their utmost capacity to keep up with orders. They now employ 1,250 men, and are using the entire product of the Baugh Steam Forge and Rolling Mill.

COL. TOM SCOTT has resigned the presidency of the Pennsylvania Railway and goes to Europe for his health. He has done remarkable things with that road, which now pays six per cent. annual dividend. He is reported as saying that, "developing its present territory is its future," and that "the increasing productiveness of the west can find no other distributing points than those it now has—Louisville, Cincinnati, St. Louis, and Chicago, especially Chicago. Here is the great contest. We have all these outlets and shall develop the roads leading to them. Our road is 'A 1' throughout, and can easily take and attend to three or four times the volume of business it now has with its present and immediate facilities. Its policy of spending money on its track and equipment has proved a wise one. It is for any road the best plan."

RESPECTING the difficulties of Mr. George Mennie of Mount Forest, contractor &c., we learn by a letter from that gentleman, some particulars which place his failure in a more favorable light than we did last week. It appears that his difficulties arose almost entirely from endorsing paper for relatives, and his

creditors do not blame him for extravagance. They would have accepted 50 cents in the \$, but it is to his credit that Mr. M. preferred making over his property and struggling to pay in full. His assets are stated at about \$3,000 instead of \$300 as we wrongly put them, and he was never really in the general store business.

GRAHAM BROS., dry-goods dealers in Barrie less than three years ago began business. William, who was the responsible party, was a builder, the other brothers were brought up to the business. They are now in difficulty; cause of failure, fire, which was a total loss. They have assigned to Ogilvy & Co., for benefit of creditors generally, with liabilities of \$9000. The main assets is insurance money, \$6000; some other property they possessed they have been allowed to retain.

A SPECULATOR in bankrupt stocks named Robt. McDonald, who resided in Ingersoll over thirty years, and was formerly in partnership with his brothers, is seeking a compromise. He has been a general speculator in coal oil, notes, or anything whereby he thought he could turn a penny. He has claimed to be worth from \$15,000 to \$20,000, and it was generally believed that he was in an excellent position. Last Fall he bought four bankrupt stocks, and opened two stores, one in Harrington, and the other in Woodstock, for the purpose of disposing of these goods. It is said that he is now offering to pay one-fifth of what he owes, and his failure is quite a surprise to those who knew him. The feeling is that the whole affair is worthy of investigation.

—Readers of the report of the North British and Mercantile Insurance Company for the past year, will have observed the retirement of Mr. David Smith from the general managership. No one has yet been appointed to succeed him in that position, but the business of the Company is to be supervised by the two Boards of Directors in Edinburgh and London. A former resident of Canada, Mr. David Davidson, has been appointed the Chairman of the General Court. That gentleman was well known here, for years, as the General Manager of the Bank of Montreal, and his election to the post of honor in the North British shows the appreciation in which he is held by his colleagues.

RAILWAY RECEIPTS.

	Week ending	Total earnings.	Like period 1879.	Increase or decrease.
G. T. R.	May 8	\$161,810	\$147,716	\$14,094
G. W. R.	April 30	91,214	74,308	16,906
I. C. R.				
N. H. & N.W.	May 8	29,318	18,138	11,180
Midland	" 7	7,081	3,489	3,592
T. G. & B.	" 1	6,657	4,964	1,693
T. & N.	" 7	2,877	2,958	81
W. P. & L.	" 7	2,393	1,097	2,296

THE MINER'S GUESS.—Speculator to old miner in Leadville, handing him a bag of samples: "Gold, quartz or carbonates?" The honest miner turned it over in his hand indifferently, took out his knife and picked at it awhile, and then asked, "Got much of it?" "Thousands of tons," answered the other eagerly; "How much do you suppose she'll run?" "Can't tell

nuthin' without an assay." "But you can guess, can't you; you can guess?" "Oh, yes, anybody kin guess; but a guess is liable to be extravagant. Now, I should say—but mind ye, I may go over the mark—I should s-a-a-y (turning the specimen over again and holding it up to the light) I should s-a-a-a-y that if ye can save the gold in this and catch the silver, and not waste the lead, that it might run about—well, about \$2 to the county."

CHEESE MARKETS.—The sixth year of the Ingersoll cheese market opened on the 11th, and under auspices perhaps as favorable as at any time in its history. Twenty-six factories registered 4,000 boxes of cheese, 560 boxes of April make, the balance being mostly first half of May make. 548 boxes of April make sold at 11½ to 11¾c. At Woodstock on the 12th, the first of the weekly cheese markets of the season was held. The attendance of buyers and sellers was not large, the April make having been mostly all bought up at about 12½c. Two thousand boxes of May make were registered on the bulletin board, but no sales were reported.

—The deceased wife's sister bill was rejected by the Senate by a vote of 32 to 31.

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